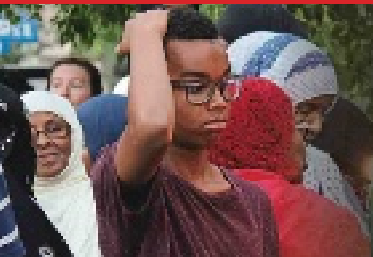


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## Cyclist cries foul

### ROAD SAFETY

### OC Transpo investigating after rider 'squeezed'



**Emma  
Jackson**  
Metro | Ottawa

OC Transpo is investigating after a cyclist complained a bus driver tried to squeeze her off Wellington Street West in Hintonburg.

The cyclist, who goes by @katychancey on Twitter, tweeted Tuesday afternoon that the driver of a route 16 bus reportedly "squeezed me on Welli, opened door and said, 'you got your one metre, now stay out of the middle of the road.'"

She tweeted she had been riding "just far enough to stay out of the door zone."

OC Transpo control centre

operations manager Allan Drisdelle said his staff are interviewing the operator. "If this did happen, we do not want it to ever happen again," he said.

The Highway Traffic Act changed last September requiring drivers to leave a one-metre buffer when passing cyclists.

Drisdelle said rule changes are promoted through poster campaigns, pamphlets and the in-class training all drivers get every three years.

"We've taught the operators to be patient out there," Drisdelle added. "Sometimes you can't take up that (oncoming) lane right away, so it's better to just hold back."

Kitchissippi Coun. Jeff Leiper said he's "heartened by the seriousness with which OC Transpo takes these issues."

He said a similar complaint on Richmond Road through Westboro last year was dealt with promptly, and the driver began giving cyclists a wide berth.

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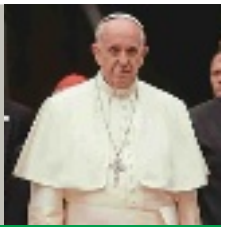
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# 'Listening is the first step'

### DIALOGUE

## Community outreach key in aftermath: Organization



**Joe Lofaro**  
Metro | Ottawa

As the entire city awaits the outcome of the Special Investigations Unit's probe into the death of Abdirahman Abdi, how the Ottawa Police Service reaches out to the community will be crucial in restoring trust with those affected by the tragedy, said Amira Elghawaby.

The communications director of the National Council of Canadian Muslims said the 37-year-old's death following a violent arrest on Sunday strained the Somali community's relationship with the police. Listening to those affected by his death, she said, is key for the police service.

"The facts of this are that an unarmed, black, mentally ill man has been killed following a police intervention and that is deeply, deeply shocking," said Elghawaby.

Doctors told the family on Monday he had passed away 45 minutes before his arrival in hospital. The public can't ignore the context in which his death happened this week, she said.

In the U.S., killings of black people at the hands of police officers and similar incidents involving minorities in Toronto loom over the investigation into Abdi's death.

Hours before hundreds of people gathered in Somerset Square in Hintonburg Tuesday evening for a memorial, approximately 400 people from Ottawa's Somali community and their supporters held a meeting to discuss the tragedy, according to Elghawaby.

Amidst the accusations of police brutality that have surfaced after video footage of the Abdi arrest, part of the group's discussion turned to how the force should respond.

"Listening is the first step," she said, adding that reaching out can be done through a number of ways, including public dialogues, community outreach sessions and surveys.

"This could be considered — and some people are considering to be — a game changer.

"And it's important that the Ottawa Police Service step up to this and recognize how this is going to be impacting community relations and there must be very concerted efforts to reach out and to assuage the concerns and the fears that people are expressing."

Police Chief Charles Bordeleau expressed his condolences to the Abdi family on Monday and said the police service would engage with the community.

The Ottawa Police Service's Diversity and Race Relations unit, created in 1995, is staffed by two police officers and one outreach worker.

Metro asked Ottawa police on Wednesday what kind of outreach will be done with the community in light of Abdi's death and when it might happen. The unit declined to be interviewed for this story.



Mourners at a memorial for Abdirahman Abdi on Tuesday. JOE LOFARO PHOTOS/METRO

## Group calls for body cams



**Haley Ritchie**  
Metro | Ottawa

The Canadian Association of Somali Lawyers released an open letter of support on Wednesday for the family of Abdirahman Abdi, asking for more transparency in SIU investigations and body cameras on all Ontario police officers.

"It's a national issue," said president Billeh Hamud.

The open letter makes three main demands of the Ontario government, all related to the Abdi case.

"The most important thing is transparency, and that's not being done right now," said Hamud, who wants to see SIU investigations opened up to the public.

The group also wants to see body cams — small cameras attached to officers while they work — on police across Ontario.

Hamud said the group also wants more training that addresses both race and mental health.

"There obviously is a pattern we've seen recently with Andrew Loku and Abdirahman with black men and in particular those with mental illness or mental distress," he said. (The Toronto police officer who killed Loku was cleared by the SIU in March.)

While Hamud is Toronto-based, he said CASL has members across the country. He said although he's glad the incident is getting widespread attention, the organization felt a responsibility to add more Somali voices to the discussion.

"We're not speaking on behalf of the family or even the community per se, but we are giving a perspective that needs to be talked about," he said. "On this issue there's a lot of people from other organizations — whether they're Muslim organizations or black organizations, which are great — but we also don't have a voice for the Somali community. We're in a unique situation because we're both."

The vast majority of Somalis are both Muslim and black, and Hamud said that can create extra pressure because both groups face different kinds of discrimination.

"You're dealing with two intersectionalities and it can be a challenge. Not only in respect to police violence but day-to-day life," he said.

### AFTER THE TRAGEDY

## Where's Watson? Mayor stays silent on social media



**Lucy Scholey**  
Metro | Ottawa

One Ottawa politician has been notably absent from social media following the death of 37-year-old Abdirahman Abdi.

Mayor Jim Watson is out of the province on holiday.

When asked, press secretary Livia Belcea sent out a statement on his behalf. It says he's "saddened" to hear of Abdi's passing

and extends his condolences to the Hintonburg resident's family and friends.

"I am confident that Ontario's Special Investigations Unit will conduct a fair and thorough investigation that will provide comprehensive insight into this tragic incident."

Even so, as politicians tweet out their condolences, Watson has been silent online and remains on holiday. And it's not as though he hasn't been on Twitter.

On July 22, he tweeted out: "Hi @TheEllenShow! Have you met @pitrej02, Canada's brave #butterflychild? Help us tell his story & receive treatment."

And then on July 25, the day of Abdi's arrest: "Join the @OttawaChampions this Wednesday, as they mark one-year from the 2017 All-Star game! @2017ottawa."

Until the SIU investigates Abdi's death, we are left with a web of questions: How did a man, believed to be mentally ill,

become critically injured while in police custody? What exactly happened at Bridgehead that prompted employees to call police? Did race factor in to how officers handled the arrest?

Now there's a new question: Where's Watson?

Metro reached out to deputy mayors Bob Monette and Mark Taylor, who have both been quiet on Twitter following the incident.

Both say they agree with Watson's statement.

"I do not believe it's the role

of a councillor to interfere with police investigations," said Monette on why he has not tweeted about the incident, adding that a councillor is not supposed to "micro-manage" police.

Taylor said he's also waiting on the SIU investigation.

"I always struggle with traumatic and tragic events when it comes to social media," he said. "By and large, I'd be adding probably a very similar voice to a lot of people, saying, 'It's traumatic. It's tragic.' It certainly is."





Children in Heaven Stewart's home daycare service play with chalk and hula hoops in the driveway where toys and play structures were taken, after an ad listing the items as free for the taking was posted on Kijiji. JUSTIN TANG FOR METRO OTTAWA

# Toy donations pour in after ad mischief

## GENEROSITY

### Fraudulent Kijiji listing led to looting of daycare



**Lucy Scholey**  
Metro | Ottawa

Heaven Stewart's yard will soon be full of toys again, after a fake Kijiji ad led unwitting looters to her home daycare.

Since Metro first reported the story, the Bells Corners childcare provider and mom says she has been fielding dozens of emails and phone messages from people who want to donate playthings and gift certificates.

"We are overwhelmed with help. We are very grateful," she said.

On Sunday, Stewart and her husband returned home from a weekend away to find all her daycare's toys missing. As it turns out, someone posted a

false Kijiji ad directing people to Stewart's house for "free toys"

"First come first served NO EMAILS must be gone by 4 PM then we are donating them," read the posting.

Stewart's daughter, who was at work that day, noticed the Kijiji ad as her mom was on her way home from the weekend getaway.

Apart from the climbing structures, toy cars, and sand and water tables, someone curiously slashed the jumping pad of the family's large trampoline. They had to toss it out.

Stewart figures she lost \$4,000 in taken or vandalized things.

She has contacted the police and Kijiji about the fake ad and suspects a neighbour who has

complained about the toys being an eyesore on her property. The neighbour also complained about noisy children, she said.

At least one play structure measured about 15 feet long and included a tunnel, two climbing portions and two slides. It was one of the outdoor toys that's now missing.

At least one radio station, Kiss 105.3, has started a toy drive, while people have been calling or emailing about how and where they can donate.

On Tuesday, when Stewart had a full group at her daycare, she sat down her kids and told them "somebody had come that didn't like our toys and didn't like hearing children laughing or playing and they gave all of our stuff away."

On Wednesday morning, it was a different story.

"I did tell them tomorrow morning ... shortly after they get here, there will be a truck full of toys for them," she said. "They're very excited."

Anyone who wishes to donate can email Stewart directly at heavenmae@hotmail.com.



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Ontario Labour Minister Kevin Flynn said the review will help protect a growing number of vulnerable workers. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

## 'Too many' workers not getting rights

### LABOUR

### Panel finds employment act violated 75% of the time

An expert panel has found a "serious problem" with enforcement of employment standards across Ontario.

"We conclude there are too many people in too many workplaces who do not receive their basic rights," said the special advisers appointed to do the first review of the Employment Standards Act and the Labour Relations Act since the 1990s.

The two-man panel released an interim report Wednesday that said labour ministry inspections of work sites found violations of the Act 75-to-77 per cent of the time.

Labour Minister Kevin Flynn said the review will help protect

a growing number of vulnerable workers.

He said the fast pace of economic change, globalization, trade deals and technology resulted in more service sector and white-collar jobs in Ontario but fewer manufacturing jobs, changing the province's labour market.

Flynn said the vast majority of Ontario employers provide what the report calls "decency at work," and make efforts to eliminate discrimination and consistently enforce employee rights.

But he's worried young people and new Canadians, in particular, are sometimes denied proper pay, vacations or benefits by some "bad guys," especially in the retail, hospitality and construction sectors.

"Unfortunately there's a bit of an underbelly as well where we get a lot of complaints from certain sectors from people who feel they're being taken advantage of," he said.

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce said employers worry about how changes in labour laws would impact the cost of doing business, and want to see an economic impact analysis, in addition to more education and enforcement of the rules.

The panel will take comments on its interim report until October before it makes final recommendations, but made it clear it doesn't want to hear the same old "well-known" arguments on issues such as union certification.

The Ontario Federation of Labour said the review "unearthed a complex and troubling picture of employment" in the province.

The panel found only 14 per cent of private sector workers in Ontario are represented by a union, compared with 70 per cent in the public sector, and said 87 per cent of workplaces have fewer than 20 employees.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Baking soda behind city hall shutdown

Police say it was just baking soda that shut down the third floor of Gatineau city hall on Wednesday. Police responded to calls about a suspicious envelope filled with a white powder around 9 a.m. The third floor was closed until 1:45 p.m. but city hall wasn't evacuated, according to Const. Pierre Lanthier, though the building was closed to the public. Lanthier said experts came from Montreal to identify the substance.

EMMA JACKSON/METRO

### MUNICIPAL MATTERS

## Police requesting speed board data

Ottawa police are developing a process to get their hands on the data that city councillors can currently access from the speed boards they put up in their wards.

Coun. Tim Tierney asked at the July 25 Police Services Board meeting if the data collected by the speed boards could be used to assign traffic officers.

"We have 23 councillors running around putting up speed boards," Tierney said. "I want to be able to feed that information into the system."

Deputy police chief Jill Skinner said she previously wasn't aware of how much data the city councillors have available to them as a result of the speed boards in their wards.

"We are developing a process for all that data to filter in," she said. The data can help determine where traffic officers are most needed.

One of main complaints councillors get is traffic and speeding, Tierney said.

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Ian Badgley, the NCC's resident archaeologist, shows off stone and copper tools found in the region. He'll lead two public dig sites in Gatineau this summer. EMMA JACKSON/METRO

# Agency issues call for archaeologists

## EVENTS

### Families can join public digs to help protect artifacts



**Emma Jackson**  
Metro | Ottawa

Copper points, stone knives, woodworking tools and dainty, detailed pottery: that's just a sampling of the sorts of archaic artifacts the National Capital Commission has pulled from the ground around Ottawa.

And this August, families can help find some, too.

The NCC will open two public digs next month as part of Quebec's annual Archaeology Month.

First, they'll take a closer look at the remains of Broadview Cottage at the Moore Farm, which burned down in the 1950s. The digs take place Aug. 1, 2, 22 and 23.

The goal there, according to NCC archaeologist Ian Badgley, is to "bring the Broadview Cottage back into the memory of the public domain."

The farm registrar's family lived there, so participants could find anything from old buttons to silver cutlery.

The second site is at Leamy Lake Park, a rich trove of pre-contact Aboriginal artifacts that can date back as far as 6,000 years, but usually range between 1,000 and 2,000 years old, according to Badgley. The Leamy Lake digs are Aug. 5 to 8, 16, 17, and 25 to 28.

At least 300 people dug for treasure at Leamy Lake last year, including 80 kids.

The digs are a chance to show residents the importance of protecting our local archaeological resources, Badgley said, which are increasingly controlled by development

rather than research.

"It's a collective responsibility," he said, adding the work should be done not just to rescue artifacts but to further our own knowledge. "The public is the beneficiary."

It's also an opportunity for regular Joe Blows to connect with the people who lived here long before Europeans settled on the banks of the Ottawa River.

"My first thought is, 'I'm the first one holding this in 1,000 years,'" said Gatineau resident Guy Laurin, who has found a small bounty of artifacts through previous digs. "When you do find something, it makes you stop and think as to why is it here, why was it dropped here."

Badgley encouraged parents to bring their kids, who can hunt for coins and other treasures in kid-friendly plots.



When you do find something, it makes you stop and think as to why is it here. Guy Laurin

## HISTORY

### Region was a hub of activity

The National Capital Region we know today is a bustling government centre and tourist hub: the quintessential central meeting place. Well, it turns out that's not all that new.

For at least 6,000 years, the area we call Ottawa-Gatineau was "at the heart of a vast communications and trade network, where goods, ideas and raw materials flowed into from really long distances," according to NCC archaeologist Ian Badgley.

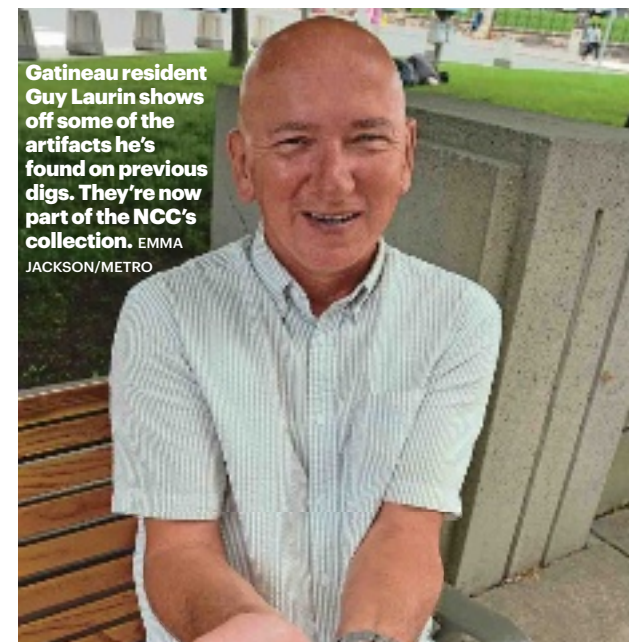
The Ottawa, Rideau and Gatineau Rivers all converge here, and connect through their tributaries to the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River, he said. That created a central hub here, where the paths of various Aboriginal groups crossed from far and wide.

"Summer camps would have been kilometres long along the shoreline of the Ottawa River, to exchange information, look for wives and husbands," Badgley said. "They weren't stereotypically isolated. They knew their environment and they knew their neighbours."

Raw materials from areas hundreds of miles away show up in Ottawa-Gatineau.

"There's direct contact," Badgley said.

And the region is well-preserved — much more so than centres like Toronto or Montreal, Badgley said.



Gatineau resident Guy Laurin shows off some of the artifacts he's found on previous digs. They're now part of the NCC's collection. EMMA JACKSON/METRO

Ottawa's shorelines have gone largely undeveloped, and the creation of large parks meant important sites weren't disturbed.

"The parks have protected the archaeological resources from the heavy hammer of development," Badgley said.

There's an 8,000-year-old pre-contact site on Moore Farm property, for example, that is largely undisturbed. The NCC opened some exploratory plots there in 2005, but more research needs to be done, Badgley said. EMMA JACKSON/METRO



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# Deceased prisoner fondly remembered

INNES ROAD

## April Donovan says Shannon Sargent not just an addict

Jennifer McIntosh  
Metroland Media

April Donovan first met Shan-

non Sargent on the streets. Donovan said she was a 17-year-old addict and Sargent took her under her wing.

"She was always very nice to me and we became good friends," Donovan wrote in an email.

A few days after her former friend was found dead in her cell at the Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre on Innes Road, Donovan said she wanted people to remember her

friend as a tough girl with a heart of gold.

Ottawa police confirmed on July 20 they were investigating a death at the jail. Sargent, 34, was found dead at 12:30 a.m.

"I hope people who will write about her will not just not write that she had a drug problem because there was more to her than that," Donovan said, adding she remembers watching horror movies and eating junk food with her

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## She protected me in jail and on the streets.

April Donovan on Shannon Sargent

friend.

The latest stint wasn't the first time inside a jail cell for Sargent, who had been

addicted to crack and opiates for at least 15 years, Donovan estimated.

The pair actually served time together in 2009. It was Donovan's first time in jail and Sargent took care of her.

"She protected me in jail and on the streets," Donovan said.

Donovan, now 29, said she hadn't talked to her friend in a few months.

"She was relapsing and I am clean and sober," Donovan

said. "I don't think she wanted to talk to me so she wouldn't influence me."

Sargent's death is the third of an inmate at Innes Road facility in four months.

In the meantime, Donovan said she wants her friend to be remembered for being an amazing woman.

"She was smart and kind hearted and she always helped people out," Donovan said. "She was loved everywhere."



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BUSINESS

## Teen's business turns heads at festival

Shaun MacLellan says he was on the fence about going to the Montreal International Startup Festival. "I wasn't really expecting much going there," he says.

But he ended up walking away with thousands of dollars in prizes and an invitation to attend one of Canada's most prominent entrepreneurship programs. MacLellan, a student at the University of Ottawa's Telfer School of Management, is the founder of YouCollab, a startup that connects content creators on YouTube.

His startup received a \$35,000 investment as part of the startup festival's main pitch competition along with an invitation to attend the Next 36, a Toronto-based program that provides networking opportunities and mentorship to young entrepreneurs. As an 18-year-old starting his first company, MacLellan says that getting

that recognition from top-tier investors at such an early stage should help build his reputation and his company's credibility.

YouTube content creation has become a big business. But MacLellan says there's so much content on YouTube that it can be hard to get noticed, and that's where his company comes in.

MacLellan's business is based around the idea that collaboration is the best way to help YouTube content creators build their audiences. By appearing in each others' videos, creators can help each other reach a larger number of viewers.

The YouCollab app, which is currently available for iPhones, uses a similar approach to dating apps such as Tinder — users are only connected to each other when they both agree to connect.

JACOB SEREBRIN/OTTAWA BUSINESS JOURNAL

## IN BRIEF

### Ottawa man charged after allegedly groping teen girl

An Ottawa man is facing sex crime charges after allegedly groping a teenage girl earlier this month.

Ottawa police say the girl was groped by an employee of a store on the 200 block of Centrepoin Drive in the city's west end.

The girl ran home and called the police. The force's sexual assault and child abuse unit then

launched an investigation.

Mahmud Jame, 61, has been charged with one count of sexual assault and one count of sexual interference. He is scheduled to appear in court today.

Ottawa police say they believe there could be other victims. They are asking anyone with information to contact the sexual assault and child abuse unit at 613-236-1222, ext. 5944. METRO

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# France honours war veteran, 92

D-DAY

## Glebe resident to receive prestigious national order



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It was shortly after D-Day when Ret. Maj. John Commerford landed in Normandy.

The 92-year-old Glebe resident — who goes by Jack — still recalls the constant gunfire from the trenches, where the artillery gunner loaded 50-pound shells into the back of the breach. He remembers the city of Caen, reduced to rubble after the D-Day bombings.

On Friday, surrounded by his five children, Commerford will receive the prestigious French National Order of the Legion of Honour for his efforts in the liberation of France. It's the country's highest national order. He was among 156,000 Canadian, American and British forces who landed on the Normandy beaches and ultimately freed France from the Germans almost two months later, at the end of August 1944.

Like many Second World War survivors, Commerford speaks humbly about his four-and-a-half years serving first as a boy soldier and then overseas with the 8th Battery of the 2nd Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment.

"I feel, at times, the real heroes are the ones who are buried in the cemeteries there," he says, speaking at the Glebe home where he has lived since the early 1960s.

The quick-witted veteran would rather talk about the good times — the stories of getting



Ret. Maj. John (Jack) Commerford, a Glebe resident for 50 years, will receive France's Highest National Order on Friday.

LUCY SCHOLEY / METRO

into trouble as a boy soldier in Halifax and Aldershot, Nova Scotia — than the tragedies of a war that claimed more than 44,000 Canadians, including many of Commerford's friends.

"Maybe I lived so long because God doesn't want me and the devil isn't ready for me yet," he likes to joke.

He brings out a framed black-and-white picture of himself in uniform, taken circa the

Korean War, when he re-enlisted in the army. Beside the photo is a framed picture of his wife, Marian, which he displays just as proudly as his own.

He visits her twice a day at the long-term care facility where she now lives. She suffers from Alzheimer's, but when she sees Jack, she raises both hands in the air and says, "It's my husband!"

To Commerford, there's no greater honour.

## IN BRIEF

### Science museum teams up with DigiHub

As if the Canadian Science and Technology Museum wasn't high-tech enough, the Ottawa organization is chasing down new digital innovations through a partnership with DigiHub. The partnership's first project is called Capture Canada, a mobile app and website that will crowdsource "the best authentic photos of Canada" to create a "living digital photo legacy" of the country.

EMMA JACKSON/METRO

## CRAFT BREWERIES

# Brew Donkey to end beer delivery

Liquor delivery service and brewery tour operator Brew Donkey announced Wednesday that they'll be phasing out beer delivery by the end of the year in order to focus on tours.

Owner Brad Campeau said he didn't feel pushed out by regulations or the LBCO's recent decision to get into door-to-door delivery.

"[Delivery] was really a commitment to the community, and that's the sole reason why we kept going with it for two years,"

he said. "I want to put all my efforts, leading up to 2017, into helping people explore craft beer here in Ottawa."

Brew Donkey originally began as a craft beer delivery service that offered tours to different local breweries, but Campeau said tourism is what has made the business successful.

Campeau will also be passing the company's Growler Exchange Program over to Operation Come Home's Bottle Works program.

HALEY RITCHIE/METRO



# — FROM THE DESK OF AMY SCHUMER —

## Hello, Canada!

**I have a book coming out!** Look for a cover with a very large image of a girl's lower back tattoo. Do they have tramp stamps in Canada? Probably not as many as we have in America. You guys strike me as all very beautiful, wholesome, happy people. I am envious of your health care system and sensible attitudes about gun safety. If you made a horrible permanent decision on your lower back when you were only eighteen years old, I bet your insurance has already covered the cost of removing that mistake for you. You strike me as people who don't need to be cheered up, but I was born to cheer people up. Even when they don't need cheering up.

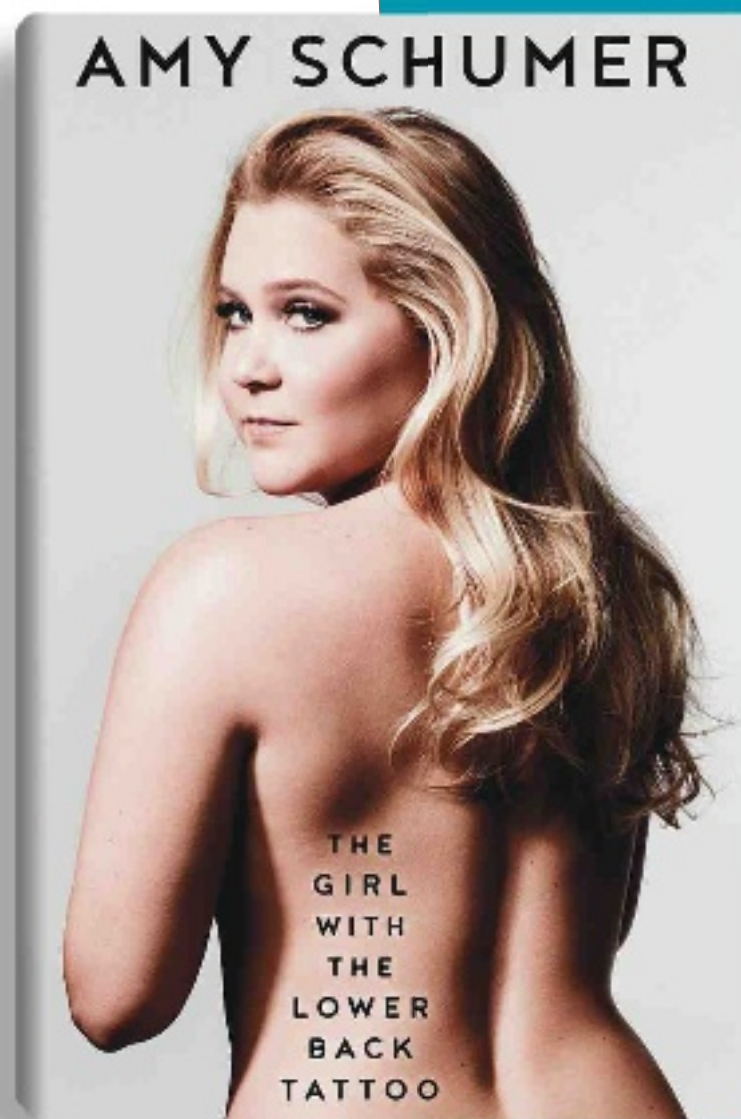
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# Man caught on dash cam facing charges

## CRIME

### Vehicle hits two barriers on Hwy. 417 in dramatic video



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Ottawa police say a man is facing impaired driving charges after dramatic video footage from a dash cam showed a vehicle striking the concrete median on Hwy. 417 and swerving in and out of lanes.

Police say the incident happened last Friday and ended after patrol officers caught up to the vehicle on St. Laurent Boulevard, past Walkley Road.

The five-minute video clip on YouTube shows a white

SUV driving erratically on the highway, striking the centre median and continuing to drive, before it strikes the concrete barrier a second time 20 seconds later.

The vehicle swerves into the shoulder lane more than once and eventually exits the highway in the video.

Police say Martin Simbauni, 46, is facing one count of driving a motor vehicle while impaired and

one count of driving a motor vehicle with a blood-alcohol level over the legal 80 mg/100 mL limit.

The person who posted the video online said in the video description that he recorded the incident on his way to work and later called 911.

No injuries were reported in the incident.

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Police say a man has been charged with impaired driving after footage of a collision was captured on a dash cam. YOUTUBE



## GAMING

### Pokémon Go helps catch customers



**Haley Ritchie**  
Metro | Ottawa

Confederation Park might be ground zero for Ottawa Pokémon Go trainers, but a swath of other events — including two pub crawls — are luring them into the city's business areas.

Last week the Sparks Street Authority combined a Pokémon Go "lure party" with their toonie fundraiser for the Food Bank and were joined by hundreds of game players looking for rare virtual beasts.

On Saturday Bank Street BIA is hosting their own event after Comic Book Shop owner Rob Spittall pitched the idea to the association to help liven up the street on the weekend.

"I think it's going to be huge," said Spittall, who came up with the idea after seeing hundreds of people gathering in Confederation Park last week for a similar event.

The game features numerous special landmarks called pokestops, which allow players to collect items. Pokestops can also be equipped with "lure" items that will attract rarer creatures for 30 minutes.

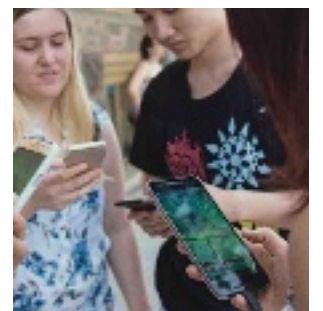
Bank Street has 25 pokestops and two gyms — and Spittall

and the BIA intend to set a lure at each one over the course of the event on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event is pure fun for kids and adults, but Pokemon has also been good for businesses.

"We have lots of restaurants where you can sit and play Pokemon while enjoying your meal," said Spittall. Some local shops have even agreed to offer special discounts.

For the evening crowd, event promoter Matthew Ward is planning the event in the Byward Market on Aug. 19. The event will include themed T-shirts and Pokémon-themed drinks and will bring a different crowd to four bars and clubs in the Byward Market.



A group plays Pokémon Go outside of Parliament Hill on Tuesday. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

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## IN BRIEF

### Humane Society fighting to investigate animal abuse cases

The Ottawa Humane Society is heading to court on Thursday to seek a temporary injunction after the OSPCA stripped the shelter of its ability to investigate cases of animal abuse.

In a news release issued Wednesday, the organization said the OSPCA removed voting rights of all local humane societies in

the province.

"The OSPCA is playing a game with animal lives in Ottawa to advance its agenda," said Bruce Roney, executive director of the Ottawa Humane Society. "We've been the go-to animal rescue agency for 128 years. The actions of the OSPCA take away our ability to save dogs from hot cars and leave our cases against animal abusers in limbo."

JOE LOFARO/METRO



# Loose dog attacks seven-year-old girl

## PETS

**Dog's owner refused to give contact info, says mom**



**Joe Lofaro**  
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Erin Rundquist says it's the thickness of the denim shorts her daughter was wearing that spared her from serious injuries after an unleashed dog mauled her at a west-end park Tuesday night.

"There's a bite mark through the shorts," said Rundquist. "Had she been wearing her jumper she had been wearing earlier in the day, which was just a T-shirt material, I'm fairly certain she would have required many stitches."

The mother of three was with her children playing at the Dominion Arboretum on the Experimental Farm off Prince of Wales Drive when a dog, believed to be a boxer, came out of nowhere around 8 p.m. and started chasing her youngest, Avery.

The black and white dog chased the seven-year-old for about two minutes and bit her buttocks and scratched her leg, according to Rundquist.

"She was running and screaming like I've never heard her, screaming 'help!'" her mom



**If your dog cannot be controlled, it needs to be on a leash.**

Erin Rundquist



**Erin Rundquist comforts her daughter Avery, 7, after she became scared when a nearby dog began barking at a park. Avery was bit by a dog in the while playing in the Arboretum with family on Tuesday evening. JUSTIN TANG/FOR METRO**

said. "It was so scary."

She said the dog's owner made things worse by blaming Avery for running away from a dog, and by shouting obscenities at her daughter.

Things like: "Don't be an idiot, stop running. F—ing stop running. If you keep running, of course he's going to f—ing chase you, you moron." You know, all the lovely things you yell at a seven-year-old in fear," said Rundquist.

"I'm like, 'Stop yelling at her.' And my language got colourful as well."

She claims he leashed his dog and refused to give his contact information or offer proof of vaccination.

Instead, he told her to call the Glebe Animal Hospital, she said.

"If that man had came up to me and said 'I'm so sorry, this is my name, this is my number,' it would be a non-issue," she said.

The city's bylaw department confirmed in an email to Metro it received a report of a dog bite in the park Tuesday night.

"Further action can only be taken if the dog's owner can be identified and located. If any member of the public witnessed this alleged incident they are asked to call 311," wrote bylaw chief Roger Chapman.

As she waits for more answers, Rundquist is reminding dog owners to keep a closer eye on their pets in the public.

"This man's dog was out of control," she said.

"If your dog cannot be controlled, it needs to be on a leash."

## QUEEN'S PARK

# Economy not so hot: Opposition

It turns out Ontario's economic performance isn't as strong compared with some of our American neighbours as Premier Kathleen Wynne claimed.

Wynne last week announced that Ontario's first quarter economic growth in 2016 was 0.8 per cent, or three per cent at an annualized rate, which she boasted was "a faster rate than Canada, the United States and all other G7 countries."

But Wynne compared Ontario's growth with that off the entire United States, ignoring the fact that Arkansas,

Washington and Oregon all had annualized growth of 3.9 per cent in the first quarter, while Colorado matched Ontario's three per cent.

NDP finance critic Catherine Fife accuses Wynne of misleading people about the province's economic performance, and says the premier wants to "spin" the figures to make the Liberal government look good.

A spokesman for Finance Minister Charles Sousa denies there was any attempt to mislead on the GDP numbers, and says the province always

compares its performance to the United States as a whole, not to individual states.

Progressive Conservative finance critic Vic Fedeli calls it a "stretch" for Wynne to say 0.8 per cent growth in one-quarter will stay the same throughout the year and result in three per cent annual growth.

Fedeli also says the Liberals can no longer boast that Ontario is the number-one jurisdiction in the world for foreign direct investment because the province has now fallen to fourth place.

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Greg Stone, centre, and music collective Stone Age Man plays Irene's Pub Friday night. TASHA FORGET

# Stone Age

BACKSTAGE PASS

## Talented group formed by ex music teacher Greg Stone

**Trevor Greenway**  
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It took Bethan Nodwell close to 20 years behind a microphone to realize there was much more to learn about her craft.

The Wakefield jazz songstress knew she had gaps in her vocals, knew she could improve her depth, range and pitch, but she just didn't know how — until she met Greg Stone.

"He has made me a better musician, without a doubt and my ears so much stronger" says Nodwell, referring to the brain behind Wakefield band Stone Age Man.

"He was a music teacher in Australia. So he can teach theory and he can teach sax and he can teach drums and he can teach guitar, and so I have been getting so much music through osmosis."

Nodwell and Stone have been working together for the past half decade — crooning out small vocal jazz gigs at dive bars, outdoor community shows and jamming out at open mike jams at Kaffee 1870 in Wakefield. The gigs were good, but both were itching for more — a bigger, deeper project that would grow on its own.

That's when Stone brought his solo project Stone Age Man to Nodwell and a crew of other players, some of whom can be considered rock stars by anyone's standards. The pair hooked up with esteemed jazz singer Anouk-Michelle Gregoire, former Godspeed You! Black Emperor drummer and Juno award winner Bruce Cawdron, bassist Marc Decho, pianist Rod Fotheringham and a handful of other rotating top players to fully flesh out the project. And that's exactly what they did.

And when Nodwell looked at the super band on paper, she knew it would take off.

"We've all put an incredible amount of time into music and I feel excited to be in a project of this quality," she says,



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# Man helps singer Nodwell to evolve

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**I spent years working with hacks. Then I met Greg.**

Stone Age Man singer  
Bethan Nodwell

adding that all of the players in the band boast more than 100 years of combined musical experience.

“I’ve spent years working with hacks. I’ve spent years with people who can’t read chart and then I met Greg.”

Stone admits that bringing close to 10 people into what was once strictly his solo project was “an exercise in letting go.” But he’s also the first to admit that the added soul gave the music the depth it needed to grow and the direction it needed to go.

This involves a lot of trust within his band mates, as Stone Age Man was once his baby solo outing. But it didn’t take long for Stone to loosen the reigns, just a few notes of Nodwell’s incredible power, a



**Bethan Nodwell, left, Greg Stone, centre and Anouk-Michelle Gregoire of Stone Age Man** ANDRE FORGET

few verses of Gregoire’s sexy smoky croon, a couple bars of Cawdron’s innovative percussion and a few slaps of Decho’s deeply-grooved baselines was all he needed to see the music literally come alive.

“They totally steal some of the songs,” says Stone.

“And they take them in this new direction that either I can’t or wasn’t thinking it could go. We are much freer with the

songs and we stretch out ideas a lot more. It’s so easy with such great musicians. It’s a lot of fun.”

A perfect example of this is the track Look What the Cat Dragged In. When Stone wrote the song, it was a silly, playful song aimed at riling up crowds at a show. When it came to the band, each member put their own personal flare into it and it became a power chord that



**Stone Age Man founder Greg Stone is a multi-instrumentalist.** JASON REASBECK

struck with crowds on a much deeper, but still playful level.

“It was always just this weird tango in my head,” says Stone.

“Each little part of the song has a unique personality that is just for that bit and then another personality for the next bit. The band was really influential in making that happen.”

Ever since dropping their latest album Throw Your TV in the Pool earlier this year,

Stone Age Man has been on a tear, engaging raucous crowds at area bars with their energetic sets that are as deep as a Tom Waits concert and as energetic as a Gogol Bordello show. Stone Age Man will play one of the city’s most iconic music spots when they take over Irene’s Pub this Friday night.

It’s a venue several band members have never played and with Irene’s being the un-

## + DETAILS

The show starts at 9:30 p.m. with the band playing two full sets at Irene’s pub. Come and check out what these cats drag in.

official sister bar of Wakefield’s Kaffee 1870, Stone and company will have no problem fitting in amongst the rest of the misfits.



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## POLITICS

# New Democrat to table bill to repeal C-51

A New Democrat MP says he will table a private member's bill at the earliest opportunity to repeal controversial anti-terrorism measures — accusing the Trudeau government of moving too slowly on planned reforms.

NDP public safety critic Randall Garrison says the security legislation known as Bill C-51 severely compromised the rights of Canadians while doing little to improve safety.

The bill gave the Canadian Security Intelligence Service

more power to thwart suspected terrorist plots — not just gather information about them.

It also expanded the sharing of federal security information, broadened no-fly list powers and created a new criminal offence of encouraging someone to carry out a terrorism attack.

The Conservative government introduced the omnibus bill early last year after jihadi-inspired attacks that killed Canadian soldiers in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que., and Ottawa

**“This was a creature of the Conservative government supported by the Liberals.”**

Randall Garrison on Bill C-51

just days apart in October 2014.

It became law with the support of the Liberals, who have

promised to change what they call “problematic elements.” The NDP staunchly opposed the bill as a gross infringement on civil liberties.

At a news conference, Garrison chided the Trudeau government for lack of “substantive action” since the October election.

The government should focus on counter-radicalization efforts and providing security agencies with enough resources to fight threats, he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



## ROYALTY GUESS WHO'S COMING BACK TO CANADA?

Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge and Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, attend the presentations at the America's Cup World Series on July 24 in Portsmouth, England. William and Kate will pay a visit to Canada this fall — their second since getting married five years ago. They will visit British Columbia and Yukon later this year, Gov. Gen. David Johnston announced Wednesday. CHRIS JACKSON/GETTY IMAGES

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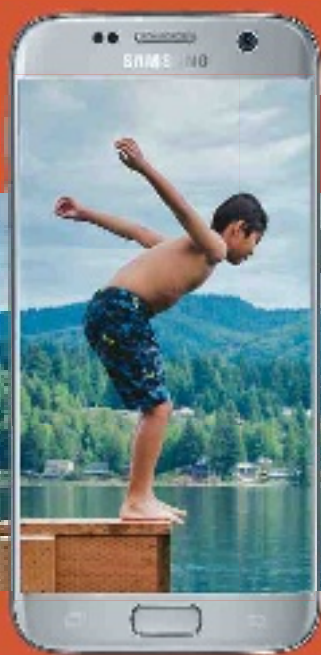
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# Montreal the greenest

## ENVIRONMENT

### Emissions study puts Edmonton homes at the bottom of list

Homeowners in Edmonton generate, on average, almost four times the amount of greenhouse gas emissions as their counterparts in Montreal, according to a study released Wednesday by the University of British Columbia.

The study from the university's faculty of land and food systems estimated average household emissions in major cities across Canada between 1997 and 2009, based on factors such as weather, population density and the type of energy used for home heating and electricity.

Montreal homes were ranked the greenest — at 5.4 tonnes per year — largely because of the widespread use of clean hydro-electric power. The city's dense population also means motorists spend less time commuting and guzzling gas.

“If you live in Montreal, you can walk to your grocery store, you can walk your kids to school. You don't have to be driving everywhere, whereas in Edmonton, unfortunately, you do,” professor Sumeet Gulati, one of the report's two authors, said Wednesday.

Edmonton, followed closely by Calgary, was at the bottom of the pile at 20.7 tonnes per

year, partly because of the use of coal-fired home energy and a spread-out population. The colder weather in the two biggest Alberta cities also means more energy is needed to heat homes.

Vancouver, despite its very mild temperatures, ranked second behind Montreal because of the West Coast city's use of natural gas in residential utilities. Natural gas is available throughout Montreal, but it is

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**The report found a positive trend in all cities — greenhouse gas emissions per household dropped by about 16 per cent over the 12-year study period as people, governments and utilities became more energy-conscious.**

more expensive than hydro.

Winnipeg ranked third-lowest for emissions, ahead of fourth-place Toronto. Despite its bone-chilling winters, Winnipeg scored well because of its use of hydro power.

“The implications from our analysis are fairly straightforward,” the report reads.

“If we encourage high-density development or encourage development of low-carbon energy, households lower their greenhouse gas emissions.”

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# Focus is on drinking water: Sask. premier

## ENVIRONMENT

### Leader says pipeline debate can wait after massive oil spill

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall says his top concern right now is making sure communities affected by an oil spill have enough drinking water and the wider

debate over pipelines can wait. "We need to make sure that drinking water is available, that potable water is available to communities affected by this. That's the first challenge," he said Wednesday in Regina.

"We'll get into the debate on pipelines versus rail or how we move oil across this country at a later date, but for now I think we should just set it aside."

A Husky Energy pipeline last week spilled between 200,000

and 250,000 litres of oil into the North Saskatchewan River.

The slick has already hit the cities of North Battleford, Prince Albert and Melfort, where water intakes have been shut down and measures to conserve drinking water have been put in place.

An incident report filed by Husky on Tuesday said a leak was discovered around 8 p.m. on July 20, a day earlier than initially believed. The company later clarified that it was alerted

to "pressure anomalies" that evening, but it did not confirm there had been a leak until the next morning. It began shutting down the line around 6 a.m. last Thursday and informed the Saskatchewan government around 10:30 a.m.

Wall noted Husky has said it will review what happened and why there was a delay, but added the company's response to the spill itself appears to have followed protocol. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Crews work to clean up the oil spill on the North Saskatchewan River on July 22. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## MILITARY

### Training targets 'high consequence' threats

The possibility of a terrorist attack using biological or chemical weapons makes the focus of a 15-day NATO training exercise at Canada's largest training base even more important, says a counterterrorism expert.

Even though the majority of recent attacks have involved explosives or armed gunmen, that doesn't mean a more serious threat isn't out there, says Chris Corry with Defence Research and Development Canada.

"Although people think it's a low-risk threat, it's a high consequence threat," the former Canadian infantry officer said Tuesday.

Exercise Precise Response 2016 at Canadian Forces Base Suffield in southeastern Alberta isn't about high-tech military equipment or heavily armed soldiers. It is focusing on chemical, biological, radiological and explosive material.

More than 350 chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear specialists from 10 NATO countries — including Canada, the United States, Britain, France and Germany — are testing their skills in a realistic environment. Nearly all of the participants are wearing some sort of bio-hazard suit.

During three simultaneous exercises set in the imaginary country of Canuckistan, teams

investigate reports of terrorist activity and follow clues to chemical weapons factories and eventually bring back material to mobile labs to check its content.

Capt. Nesse Timmers of the Netherlands is commanding one of the exercises. He said a team approach is important in the battle against terrorism so as to be ready for when the "real deal" comes along.

"This will be the future of all armies," Timmers said. "It's not one army that will win the war. It's co-operation between all armies."

Canadian Warrant Officer Stephan Allen said the Suffield exercise is a chance to practise and apply all the specialized skills that the countries have.

"Outside of Canada, we're also looking at our linkages to NATO, so if we have a joint task force going anywhere we can apply some specialists and operators to help out a larger operation," said Allen.

But he doesn't believe the current world climate is making a difference on the approach the international soldiers are taking.

"It's one of the many threats that's always out there. It's not really super high. I don't see it tied to the last few months or anything like that," Allen said.

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German soldiers gear up to enter the "hot zone" during the NATO exercise at CFB Suffield, Alta., on Tuesday.

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People stand near a makeshift memorial near the Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray church on Wednesday. CHARLY TRIBALLEAU/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

# Acquaintances of killer unsurprised

FRANCE

## Daesh video allegedly shows vow by teenager who slew priest

Adel Kermiche nursed his obsession with jihad in the quiet French town of Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray, and his twice-thwarted attempt to join Daesh extremists in Syria ended with an attack on an elderly priest.

New details emerged Wednesday about the 19-year-old, one of two assailants who took hostages Tuesday at a church in the town, slitting the throat of

the Rev. Jacques Hamel before being shot to death by police.

The attack was claimed by Daesh, which released a video Wednesday allegedly showing Kermiche and his accomplice pledging allegiance to the group.

In it, Kermiche identifies himself by the nom de guerre Abul Jaleel al-Hanafi and says his compatriot is called Ibn Omar. Speaking in broken Arabic, Kermiche recites: "We pledge allegiance and obedience to Emir of the faithful Abu Bakr al-Baghdady in hardship and in ease."

Those who knew him said Kermiche appeared to think of little else other than trying to join the extremist group in Syria after the January 2015 attacks on the sa-

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**I knew it was him. I was sure.**

Attacker's neighbour

tirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo and a kosher supermarket.

"He said it wasn't possible to live peacefully in France. He spoke with words that did not belong to him. He was mesmerized," his mother said in an interview last year after her son was detained and returned to France after trying to make it to Syria.

Initially Kermiche was jailed, but a judge ordered him placed him under limited house arrest.

A neighbour, who gave only his first name, Redwan, was at work when he learned about Tuesday's attack at the church.

"I knew it was him. I was sure," the 18-year-old said. "We tried to bring him to his senses, but every time we did it he was bringing in a verse from the Qur'an. He was inventing things."

A family acquaintance defended the efforts of Kermiche's parents.

"They gave them everything in material terms, in terms of love," said Annie Geslin. "They did not succeed in getting their son to return to a, how to say it, a normal behaviour."

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REACTION

## A sign of war, but not religious one: Pope

Pope Francis, deeply saddened by the slaying of an elderly priest during Mass in a church in the French countryside, warned grimly Wednesday that the world is at war but cautioned against labelling it a war among religions.

At the start of his first ever trip to Eastern Europe, where anti-migrant sentiments have been rising, he also encouraged Europe to welcome refugees from war, hunger and religious persecution and called for "courage" and "compassion."

Francis was celebrating World Youth Day in Poland, where the conservative government has shut the doors to migrants and many fear that accepting Muslim refugees would threaten the nation's security and its Catholic identity.

As he started the five-day trip, he told an audience of Poland's president, diplomats and other dignitaries that what is needed is "a spirit of readiness to welcome those fleeing from wars and hunger, and solidarity with those deprived of their fundamental rights, including the right to profess one's faith in freedom and safety."

While the speech had in mind the hundreds of thou-

sands of migrants fleeing Syria, Iraq and other Mideast countries, as well as impoverished nations in Africa, his reference to practicing one's faith in safety could also be seen as an allusion to the slaying of the 85-year-old French priest by two extremists in Normandy on Tuesday.

The murder compounded security fears surrounding Francis' trip, which were already high due to a string of violent attacks in France and Germany. Polish officials say they have deployed tens of thousands of security officials to cover the event.

Francis spoke to reporters as he flew from Rome to Krakow. Asked about the slaying of the priest, Francis replied: "It's war; we don't have to be afraid to say this."

He then sought to avoid any misunderstanding of his definition of war.

"I only want to clarify that, when I speak of war, I am really speaking of war," he said. "A war of interests, for money, resources, dominion of peoples."

"I am not speaking of a war of religions. Religions don't want war. The others want war," he added. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Pope Francis prays during a meeting with Polish bishops at Wawel royal castle's cathedral in Krakow on Wednesday during World Youth Day. DANIEL DAL ZENARO/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

NATIONAL CONVENTION

## Democrats laud Clinton's security cred as Trump goads Russia



A pro-Hillary hat at the convention on Wednesday. ROBYN BECK/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Their political fates now entwined, U.S. President Barack Obama is imploring voters to elect Hillary Clinton, appealing to the women, minorities and young people who powered his rise and are now crucial to hers.

A big motivation for Obama's robust support is deep concern that Donald Trump can win in November and unravel the president's eight years in office.

In excerpts released Wednesday ahead of his speech to the Democratic convention, Obama acknowledged the economic and security anxieties that have helped fuel Trump's

rise but argued they don't define the country.

"The America I know is full of courage and optimism and ingenuity," Obama said.

For several hours on Wednesday, Trump stole the show. He touched off a firestorm by encouraging Russia to meddle in the presidential campaign — even as he dismissed suggestions from Democrats that Moscow was already acting on the Republican's behalf.

On the heels of reports that Russia may have hacked Democratic Party emails, Trump said, "Russia, if you're listening," he'd

like to see Moscow find the thousands of emails Clinton says she deleted during her years as secretary of state.

To Obama and Clinton, Trump's comments only fed their contention that the businessman is unqualified to be commander in chief. Trump has no national security experience.

"This has to be the first time that a major presidential candi-

date has actively encouraged a foreign power to conduct espionage against his political opponent," said Clinton adviser Jake Sullivan.

Wednesday night's Democratic lineup was aimed at emphasizing Clinton's own national security credentials, a shift from two nights focused more on reintroducing her to voters as a champion for women's issues,

children and families. Among those set to take the stage was former Pentagon and CIA chief Leon Panetta, who served alongside Clinton in Obama's Cabinet.

Obama, too, was vouching for Clinton's national-security experience, recalling their work together during trying times.

"Even in the middle of crisis, she listens to people, and keeps her cool and treats everybody with respect," he said in speech excerpts. "And no matter how daunting the odds, no matter how much people try to knock her down, she never, ever quits."

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**This has to be the first time that a candidate has actively encouraged a foreign power to conduct espionage.** Jake Sullivan



# All charges dropped in death of Gray

## BALTIMORE

## Attorney says fault lies with evasive police, justice system

More than a year after a black man suffered a broken neck in a police van, the effort to hold six officers criminally responsible for his death collapsed Wednesday

day when the city dropped all charges.

A day before another trial was to begin, prosecutors dismissed charges against three remaining officers, blaming police for a biased investigation that failed to produce a single conviction in the death of Freddie Gray.

Gray, 25, was fatally injured in April 2015 while he was handcuffed and shackled but left otherwise unsecured in the back of the van. His death led to

the city's worst riots in decades.

On Wednesday, Democratic State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby blamed the outcome on an uncooperative police department and a broken justice system.

Mosby outlined what prosecutors have called sabotage, saying officers who were witnesses were also part of the department's investigative team. She said "obvious questions" weren't asked during interrogations. She alleged lead detectives were slow to

provide information and failed to execute search warrants for key text messages. She also accused investigators of creating notes to contradict the medical examiner's conclusion that Gray's death was a homicide.

Gene Ryan, president of Baltimore's police union, called Mosby's comments "outrageous."

"The state's attorney could not accept the evidence," Ryan said. "She had her own agenda." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Gloria Darden, the mother of Freddie Gray, wipes away tears at a news conference Wednesday. STEVE RUARK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## SYRIA

## Bomb kills dozens in Kurdish region

A suicide bomber riding a livestock truck laden with explosives blew himself up Wednesday in a crowded district in the predominantly Kurdish town of Qamishli in northern Syria, killing 44 people in a new attack claimed by Daesh.

Residents and activists describe a huge explosion in the western district of the town.

Hours after the early-morning explosion, workers continued to search for survivors under the rubble of buildings, some of them totally levelled. Most of the victims were civilians, who were lingering in the district that also houses a station for the Kurdish security forces. It was not immediately clear if any Kurdish fighters were among those killed.

"Terror is all I saw among the residents when I first arrived. I was shocked at the extent of destruction in the homes and shops," said Decile Husen, a 23-year old media activist who works with the Kurdish ANHA Hawar news agency. "One home was reduced to rubble. Nothing was left of it."

Qamishli, near the Turkish border, is mainly controlled by Kurds but Syrian government forces are present and control the town's airport.

The Kurds, Syria's largest ethnic minority, have carved out a semi-autonomous enclave in Syria's north since the start of the civil war in 2011, where they run their own affairs.

Kurdish officials said the Daesh militants targeted the town in retaliation for the ongoing offensive they lead against Manbij, a Daesh stronghold east of Qamishli.

The predominantly Kurdish Syria Democratic Forces, backed by airstrikes and training from the U.S.-led coalition, have been the main force fighting Daesh on the ground in northern Syria. Kurdish forces have also been the most successful ground force in terms of reclaiming territory and towns from Daesh over the past two years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Residents gather at the site of a bomb attack in Qamishli. DELIL SOULEIMAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

## GERMANY

## Fifteen-year-old accused of planning violent rampage

German authorities have arrested a 15-year-old boy who they suspect of having planned a rampage and also believe was in contact with a teenager who killed nine people in Munich last week.

The boy was arrested on Monday night and sent to a psychiatric facility, prosecutors and police in Ludwigsburg said Wednesday.

Police searched the boy's family home and found small-calibre bullets, knives and daggers, escape plans for

his school, chemicals and instructions for making explosives. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Police raid mosque known as extremism 'hot spot'

Authorities in Germany say police have raided a mosque believed to be a "hot spot" for Islamic extremists in the city of Hildesheim.

Officials said the apartments of eight members of the "German-speaking Islam Circle Hildesheim" organization were also searched Wednesday, news agency dpa reported. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## CALIFORNIA

## Bulldozer operator killed in fight against raging wildfires

The operator of a bulldozer was killed when it rolled over during the fight against a wildfire near Big Sur that has destroyed 20 homes and spread across more than 93 square kilometres, California fire officials said Wednesday.

Another operator escaped injury when a second bulldozer rolled over and sustained minor damage, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The name and age of the operator who was killed was not immediately available.

Battalion Chief Robert Fish said the operator was working in steep and difficult-to-access terrain when the accident occurred. Fish did not have further details about the incident but said 60 bulldozers were being used in the fight against

the fire.

The death occurred as firefighters worked around the clock against the blaze near a scenic stretch of the California coast, where smoke and the threat of flames forced the closure of state parks near Big Sur, a popular tourist area.

At least 2,000 structures were threatened.

Firefighters got a break early Wednesday from cooler temperatures and increased humidity.

Pacific Coast Highway remained open Wednesday, but its signature views were marred by a dark haze.

"We wanted to see more of the ocean," said Phoenix-area tourist Jim Newby, who drove along the highway with his family Tuesday. "We didn't see a whole lot of it unfortunately, and it's a beautiful, beautiful

stretch."

The blaze could crest a ridge and make a run toward campgrounds, lodges and redwoods closer to the shore, officials said.

To the south, firefighters made progress containing a huge blaze in mountains outside Los Angeles, allowing authorities to let most of 20,000 people evacuated over the weekend return home.

The fire has destroyed 18 homes since it started and authorities found the burned body of 67-year-old Robert Bresnick on Saturday in a car and said he had refused to be evacuated.

Firefighters expected temperatures to reach about 38 C on Wednesday with winds gusting to near 40 km/h.

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**1 Firefighters extinguish hot spots while fighting the Soberanes Fire in Palo Colorado Canyon on the northern Big Sur Coast on Tuesday.** DAVID ROYAL/THE MONTEREY COUNTY HERALD VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**2 A burnt bicycle and car sit beside the ruins of a home that was destroyed by the Soberanes Fire.** DAVID ROYAL/THE MONTEREY COUNTY HERALD VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**3 As smoke looms, the Imperial Valley Fire Department prepares food from the huge operational base camp at Golden Valley High School in Santa Clarita.** NICK UT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**4 Debris from an outbuilding at Bochers Gap burns as the Soberanes Fire moves through Palo Colorado Canyon.** DAVID ROYAL/THE MONTEREY COUNTY HERALD VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# Vancouver housing overheated

## REAL ESTATE

### National agency raises risk rating to highest level

Canada's national housing agency rang more alarm bells about Vancouver's real estate sector after it released a report Wednesday saying there is now strong evidence of problematic conditions in the city.

In a quarterly housing market assessment released Wednesday, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. increased its risk rating for Vancouver to its highest level for the first time since it began releasing the reports last year.

The housing agency said it is seeing evidence of an overheated market, which occurs when demand outstrips supply, and price acceleration in the city. Previously, it had said there was strong indications of overvaluation as prices for single detached homes have soared higher than what economic fundamentals can support.

Robyn Adamache, a principal market analyst for CMHC, said there have been signs of overheating in Vancouver's real estate market for some time, but the agency didn't

want to prematurely signal that warning.

"We had been waiting for a couple of quarters of evidence to be able to make that call," Adamache said.

"And part of what contributed to making that call this quarter is that we have started to see the multi-family sector, including both townhomes and apartments, also moving into overheated conditions in terms of the sales to new listings ratio, whereas before it was only on the single-family side."

CMHC's assessment comes as the B.C. government plans to implement several measures, including a 15 per cent tax for foreigners purchasing property, in an effort to cool down house prices that are among the highest in North America.

CMHC's report Wednesday also said that evidence of problematic conditions in Canada's housing market as a whole has risen from weak to moderate.

Toronto, Calgary, Saskatoon and Regina all showed strong evidence of problematic conditions, according to the report, while real estate markets in Edmonton, Winnipeg, Hamilton, Montreal and Quebec have exhibited moderate evidence of imbalances.

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Workers clear blockages from pumps at a Vancouver station. The regional utility has launched a campaign to convince residents not to flush anything but bodily waste and toilet paper. CONTRIBUTED - METRO VANCOUVER UTILITIES/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

## SANITATION

### Flushable wipes controversy gets dirty

The long-running "flushable wipes" controversy has turned into an ongoing war of words in Canada, with manufacturers insisting their moist towelettes are more sewer-friendly than ever as municipalities urge citizens to put them in the garbage, not down the loo.

More than a dozen lawsuits have been launched in the United States against manufacturers, claiming damages to individual or municipal sewer systems, but in Canada the fight is so far a public relations battle.

Metro Vancouver, for instance, is spending \$200,000 on an "Adult Toilet Training" program this summer, using humorous videos and ads in pink porta-potties to bring the message to its 2.5 million system users that it's not OK to flush "flushable" wipes — or anything else other than "pee, poo and toilet paper."

In Fredericton, the city warns: "If you did not eat it first, you should find another way to dispose of it," on its website. Toronto's wastewater div-

ision advises residents not to flush any wipes — "even those that say flushable can cause a problem."

The industry, however, is unrepentant. Lynn Matheus, senior research and engineering manager for Kimberly-Clark, the company that manufactures popular Cottonelle wipes, insists that flushable wipes are just that. "We continue to stand firmly behind our claims that our wipes are flushable and they are safe for sewer and septic systems," she said in an interview, adding the U.S. Federal Trade Commission in June closed without action an investigation into whether Kimberly-Clark's marketing of flushable wipes is misleading.

Matheus estimated Canada's flushable wipes market is about \$20 million per year, up about 10 per cent from 2015.

Darrell Mussatto, Metro Vancouver utilities chairman, is just as convinced that the wipes are a problem.

"It cost us \$100,000 in 2015 to declog the pumps in the sewer system to remove flushable wipes," he said.

Barry Orr, a wastewater expert with the Municipal Enforcement Sewer Use Group, comprised of 29 Ontario communities, says he stands by his rough estimate of \$250 million per year in clog cleanup costs for Canadian utilities because of flushable wipes.

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# 4%

The rate at which the North American market for flushable wipes is growing, according to the Association of Nonwoven Fabrics Industry.

## EUROPEAN ECONOMY

### Italy in focus as Europe shrugs off Brexit

About a month on from Britain's vote to leave the European Union, there's little evidence that economic activity across the continent has been derailed yet.

That's some reassurance for the 19-country eurozone as it faces a host of other problems, many of which relate to Italy, the bloc's third-largest economy. The country has to shore up its banks — and will get some idea Friday of the scale of the problem when regulators publish the results of EU-wide bank stress tests.

Separate figures Friday will also show how the eurozone economy was faring in the run-up to the British vote. Analysts estimate that the quarterly growth rate halved to 0.3 per cent in the second quarter compared with the first for a



The Brexit vote has raised the stakes in Italian Premier Matteo Renzi's upcoming referendum on a raft of changes designed to streamline the country's political system. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

variety of reasons, including the pick-up in the price of oil, concerns over a slowdown in China and uncertainty ahead of the British referendum on June 23.

No doubt the vote for so-called Brexit has proven a

shock to many and a jolt to the European project of political integration. But so far the economic fallout appears to have been contained. Surveys of business activity, such as the Ifo index of German business confidence, have shown

resilience, in marked contrast to those assessing the state of the British economy.

"Europe already appears to have moved on," said James Nixon, chief European economist at Oxford Economics.

Nixon said "the more immediate challenge" for European policymakers is the constitutional referendum in Italy expected this fall, "where the government currently faces a good chance of succumbing to the same sense of populist disaffection that prompted Brexit."

The Brexit vote has raised the stakes in Italian Premier Matteo Renzi's upcoming referendum on a raft of changes designed to streamline the country's political system. Opinion polls point to a close outcome. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## TECHNOLOGY NEWS

### Wireless lobby contests Quebec Internet law

Quebec's new Internet law banning access to some online gambling sites is facing a second major challenge, this time from Canada's wireless telecom lobby.

The Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association filed court papers Wednesday asking that the legislation be declared unconstitutional.

The telecom lobby's Superior Court challenge comes shortly after the Public Interest Advocacy Centre filed an application earlier in July with the CRTC, calling the law a violation of freedom of expression and asking the federal regulator to declare it unconstitutional.

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### Nintendo sinks into loss despite Pokémon success

Japanese video game maker Nintendo Co. sagged into a loss of 24.53 billion yen (\$232 million US) for the fiscal first quarter through June, despite the global success of Pokémon Go.

Nintendo has warned the Pokémon Go perk will be limited. The Pokémon Co. will get licensing fees and other compensation for the augmented reality game, but that won't have much impact on Nintendo income, according to the company. In one disappointment for fans, Nintendo and Pokémon said Wednesday that the release of Pokémon Go Plus is being delayed by two months until September.

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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD ON WHAT HILLARY'S NOMINATION PORTENDS

### The true, extended test of a Clinton presidency — and American society by extension — would be in how long it takes for another woman to similarly ascend.

Perhaps, like roughly 60 per cent of the U.S. electorate, you view Hillary Clinton ... let's say "unfavourably."

Perhaps, like Julian Assange, you consider the choice before Americans in November as akin to "asking me, do I prefer cholera or gonorrhea?" You might hate Clinton's hawkishness, dislike her handling of the email scandal, consider her too centrist, too liberal, or distrust her political motives. You might also be a raging sexist.

Feminism is the undercurrent to this week's Democratic National Convention. It coloured Bill Clinton's portrayal of his driven, defiant wife. And it has been personified in Lena Dunham, for millennial women; Meryl Streep, for second-wavers; and Michelle Obama for literally everybody.

According to the DNC, Clinton's rise is a game-changer for women in American society, too. That was made explicit nowhere more elegantly than in Michelle Obama's barnburner of a speech, in which she said that Clinton was the kind of leader who keeps putting "those cracks in the highest and hardest glass ceiling until they finally break through, lifting all of us along with her."

The Obama daughters now "take it for granted" that a woman can be president, Obama said. But can is not the same as will. And women might not all be lifted. At least, not immediately.

**The Obama daughters now 'take it for granted' that a woman can be president, Michelle said. But can is not the same as will.**

History is full of monumental firsts that do not open a floodgate of seconds, thirds, fourths and fifths. Canada hasn't had a woman prime minister since Kim Campbell in the 1990s. She held the job for a whopping four months. After Margaret Thatcher's long reign in the U.K., it was another quarter century before Theresa May

those advancements allow people to excuse their prejudice. "We must live in an equal society if a woman can be president!" Never mind the reality.

The true, extended test of a Clinton presidency — and American society by extension — would be in how long it takes for another woman to similarly ascend.



**REMEMBER — WE DID IT FIRST** Former prime minister Kim Campbell is seen in Vancouver in April 2015. Campbell's four-month tenure in 1993 was the last time a woman got close to the entering the PMO. THE CANADIAN PRESS

landed at 10 Downing. When she did, English-language papers could only muster enough imagination to compare her to other women leaders, which left them all drawing Thatcher and Angela Merkel.

In his new Revisionist History podcast, Malcolm Gladwell charts these yawning gaps between one woman's advancement and the next to tread in her footprints. He posits that moral licensing — a term used to describe the way people tend to excuse our general bad behaviour if we've done a good deed — could explain the phenomenon: Sexism continues to flourish even in the face of women's advancements precisely because

Every woman who attempts to chart this course will inevitably be and uniformly compared to Clinton. Her successes and failures will be the foil for them all.

In Canada, our concern over never once voting a woman into the PMO in a general election is oddly mute. It's not much of a burning problem, it would seem, that only 26 per cent of federal MPs are women, a rate that, while abysmal, is marginally better than provincial and municipal levels, which Simon Fraser University researcher Halena Seiferling pegs at 25.7 per cent and 23 per cent, respectively.

Low though they may be, those numbers took decades to build up. A map

produced by the website FiveThirtyEight shows the rise of women in U.S. Congress since 1917, and it has all the gradual elevation of a shallow beach.

Equal Voice, Canada's non-partisan organization dedicated to electing more women, has decided the best hope may just be to target the politically minded young and aim to reap the benefits decades from now. The group launched a project this summer called Daughters of the Vote, which is recruiting 338 young women to fill the seats in Parliament during a special event next year, when they'll learn about Canada's political institutions.

"We're investing 10, 20 years down the road," executive director Nancy Peckford told me. "Demystifying the process, helping them identify the number of roles you can play so they never dismiss formal political engagement as a way to make change."

The real kicker is that 1,500 young women have applied for those 338 spots, — more than the number of candidates in the last election, where women made up only one third. Equal Voice is also aiming for racial diversity, meaning the women they choose should "look like Canada," Peckford said.

Without such efforts, she added, it could take 90 years to close the gap.

This is "equality" in Canada, and the U.S.: A slow plod toward more women politicians that doesn't so much as increase your heartbeat, and a history of female leadership that reads as precipitous peaks and valleys.

So, yes, expect a momentous night for Clinton, and feminists may as well enjoy that as much as we can muster. There may not be another chance for a long, long time.



## Bernie's is the real populist revolution



**Linda McQuaig**

Besides providing some powerful lines for Melania Trump's next speech, Michelle Obama reminded us this week how inspiring the Democrats can be at their best.

Indeed, while Donald Trump has grabbed political centre stage due to his sheer loudness, it may be the Democratic Party that is undergoing the more far-reaching transformation.

After years of drifting towards the centre, the Democrats have been profoundly shaken by Bernie Sanders' insurgent populist campaign.

Of course, Hillary Clinton is the Democratic nominee, but the clout exercised by the millions of committed Sanders supporters is reflected in the party's unusually progressive platform and the prominence the party has felt obliged to give to Sanders and Sen. Elizabeth Warren, whose popularity is further proof that the demise of Occupy Wall Street has been greatly exaggerated.

The youthful Sanders crowd, which threatened to derail the convention on opening day, isn't likely to go away. It's determined to shape the Democratic Party of the future, believing that the only way to respond to the class war being waged by an aggressive billionaire class is with backbone — a body part that's been noticeably missing from Democrats in recent decades.

In the midst of the 1930s Depression, Democratic president Franklin Roosevelt showed backbone, championing unions, bringing in universal pensions, taxing the rich and restraining Wall Street with the Glass-Steagall Act. Addressing a wildly cheering crowd at Madison Square

Garden in 1936, Roosevelt vowed to defy the bankers and financial tycoons lined up against him. "They are unanimous in their hate for me — and I welcome their hatred!"

Roosevelt's New Deal ushered in a postwar era in which workers made impressive economic gains as a rising middle class while the wealthy elite lost ground.

Starting in the late 1970s, however, the elite launched a forceful counteroffensive with the support of the Republican party, and the Democrats were surprisingly weak in response, eventually realigning themselves with Wall Street and voting with Republicans for financial deregulation and lower taxes on the rich.

Perhaps most stunning of recent Democratic abdications was the party's failure to mount even a feeble defence of the estate tax when George W. Bush and the GOP moved to gut it. The tax had been the pillar of progressive taxation in the U.S. for more than a century, applying only to the richest of the rich.

Much has been said about the alleged populism of Donald Trump, who is calling for a new round of staggeringly large tax cuts for the rich, including the complete elimination of the estate tax. As for the working poor: Trump opposes increasing the federal minimum wage, and has floated the idea of abolishing it altogether, allowing states to compete in setting ever-lower minimum wages.

The forces unleashed by Bernie Sanders hunger for a real populism, and they're unlikely to settle for anything less than a party that once again shows backbone against bellicose billionaires.

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# Podcasts face an uphill battle

## MEDIA

### Canadian shows lack funds, support

**Genna Buck**  
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When they see a new episode of *Witch, Please* in their podcast feeds and hear those familiar owl hoots, listeners know they can settle in for another hour or more of Hannah McGregor and Marcelle Kosman's funny, feminist banter on the *Harry Potter* series.

The Edmonton-based podcast hosts have passion, 3,000 listeners and a lively program. What they lack is any reliable way to make money from their work.

Despite a few breakout successes, like the media-criticism show *Canadaland*, the Canadian podcasting industry is in its infancy and dominated by repackaged radio shows. The format — audio content delivered via digital syndication — has been around for more than a decade. “I listen to almost no Canadian (podcasts), because they usually feel like edited radio,” McGregor said.

Podcasts, at their best, share features with great radio: Important stories with high production values and a reliable release schedule. But the two forms are not synonymous.

“The pleasures of podcasting have to do with the intimacy of the audience,” McGregor said.



**Self-taught podcaster Hannah McGregor is wrapping up *Witch, Please*, a *Harry Potter*-themed program, and planning to start a new podcast soon.** KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

“You feel like ... a specialized community of friends. Radio, because it's supposed to speak to the nation, doesn't really work in the same way.”

Only one of the top ten podcasts on the Canadian iTunes charts is Canadian: *Love Me*, a CBC-backed program that recently wrapped its first season with no plans yet to renew.

That 1-to-10 ratio is “expected,” said Lori Beckstead, a professor of digital media at Ryerson University.

Canada is a small media market, and unlike TV or radio creators, podcasters aren't protected by *Cancon* rules. At present

there's no Canada Council for the Arts grant for general podcasts.

To amass enough listeners to make money, podcasters need “an existing personal or business brand, or a niche topic that isn't serving audiences already out there,” Beckstead said. “If you are just an average Joe or Josephine, it is a tough, tough uphill slog.”

Canada doesn't have anything like the U.S. media companies that incubate, promote, and solicit ads for podcasts, like *Panoply*, *Radiotopia* and *Gimlet Media*, among others.

Some companies do sponsor podcasters in exchange for on-air

ads, but this route isn't feasible without a large audience.

McGregor said when she looked into it, given their listener base, a sponsor break in every biweekly episode would bring in \$15 to \$20 per month.

Patreon, a virtual tip-jar for artists, is “the only viable way to make money off a podcast in Canada,” she said.

Kaitlin Prest knows that reality all too well. In 2008, when she became the host of *The Heart*, an audio program about sex and relationships, it was still a show on university radio in Montreal called *Audio Smut*. It became an independent podcast based

in New York City when Prest moved there in 2012.

“In Canada, it felt like you work at the CBC or you don't do radio,” Prest said. Community radio also didn't provide a clear way to create a profitable business or a polished sound.

“I needed an editor, I needed an engineer, someone to fix the show and make it sound good. Those were things I had to learn all by myself,” Prest said.

In New York, she found those resources, and a community of audio storytellers. *Radiotopia* picked up *The Heart* in 2014; investing \$24,000, Prest said.

Canada has podcast networks, but they're not throwing around that kind of money.

A notable one is the Toronto-based *Never Sleeps Network*, which founder Alex Ross describes as an “artists' commune.” Members share the costs of running a small studio, and don't have sponsors. But what they're building — a base of listeners with a variety of niche interests — is worth money, Ross said.

“I have every comic book nerd in Toronto at my fingertips. Hobbies are the best ways to connect people,” Ross said.

“Successful podcast networks are just floating,” he added. “If one company was smart enough, they'd scoop us all up.”

For now, Canadian podcasting is a labour of love.

“Success in Canada looks a lot different than in other countries. If we're getting up in the morning and going to the studio instead of our (jobs), that's success. If I can pay my bills, that's complete success, Ross said.

## LISTEN TO THIS

Metro has some new podcasts of its own, with more on the way. Visit [metronews.ca/podcasts](http://metronews.ca/podcasts) to listen.

### Scrub League: Canada's first eSports Podcast

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### Nth Wave: A podcast about women and the media

Every week Metro's national columnist Rosemary Westwood sits down with a female guest to discuss what it's like to be a woman working in, engaging with, and being covered by the North American media.



## JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

# Love is love is love on *Looking*

**THE SHOW:** *The Show: Looking: The Movie* (HBO)  
**THE MOMENT:** *The Moment: The wrong kiss*

Patrick (Jonathan Groff), back in San Francisco for a wedding, is staying with Dom (Murray Bartlett). Lying in bed, they share a vaporizer. Years ago, they almost hooked up; today they're best friends.

“What if we got together now?” Patrick asks. “It's not the worst idea.”

“It's up there,” Dom says. Patrick rises on his elbow. “Maybe this has been staring us in the face this whole time. On paper, it's — would you stop laughing?”

He flops back down. “But it would be nice, wouldn't it?” he goes on. “To suddenly find something by mistake that makes it all...easier?”

Dom leans over and kisses Patrick — first lightly, then deeply. They burst out laughing. I am heartened by how

square this movie is. We can't have sex because it'll wreck our friendship? It's like an '80s rom-com had a gay makeover — St. Elmo's *Queer Fire* — so instead of Demi Moore, it's Patrick who has to forego his wild-child ways and grow up.

Its wisdom is so *Ladies' Home Journal*: It's okay not to want at 30 what you wanted at 18. Settling down is not selling out. No relationship is perfect; it's more about, do you like how he smells, do you laugh at the

same things, do you want to drink Ensure with him when you're old?

Near the end, Patrick takes a moment to marvel at how marriage has become *de rigueur* for queer people. That is worth celebrating. Boring is the new thrilling, and love is love is love is love.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



**Best friends Patrick, left, and Dom wonder about love in the two-hour HBO conclusion to the series *Looking*.** CONTRIBUTED



# A bachelorette party that goes really, really badly

CRIME THRILLER

**Author was surprised idea had not been used before**

**Sue Carter**  
For Metro Canada



For some women, just the idea of being invited to a childhood friend's weekend bachelorette party is a nightmare.

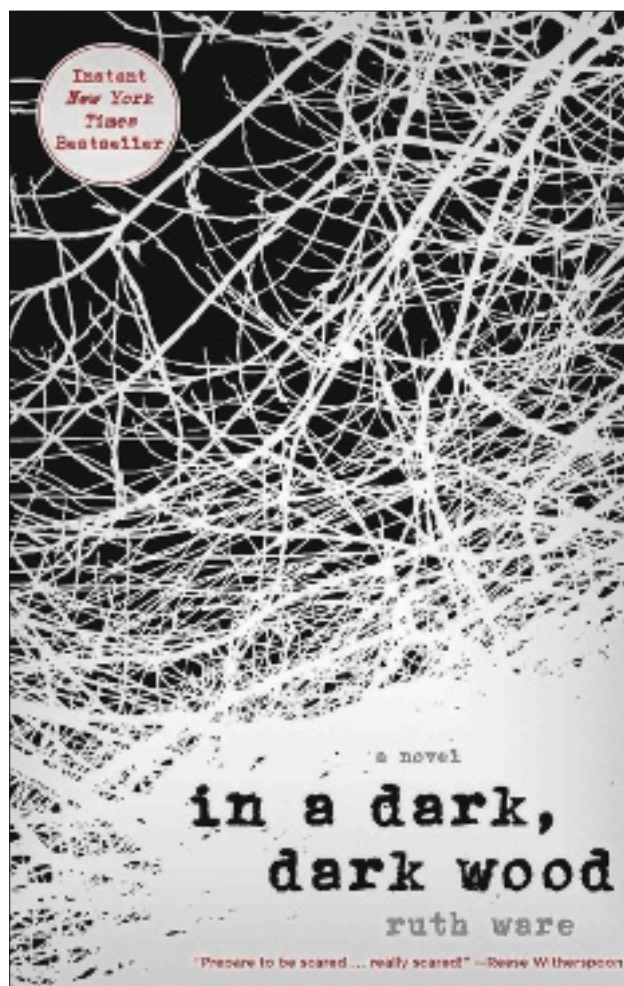
For U.K. author Ruth Ware, that socially awkward horror became the inspiration for her international best-selling debut psychological thriller, *In a Dark, Dark Wood*, a twisted and suspenseful mystery that entangles friendship, identity and memory with a possible murder.

Reclusive mystery novelist Leonora is surprised to receive an invitation to a bachelorette party — or “hen party” as it's known across the pond — to be held at an architecturally imposing glass house set deep in a remote forest.

Leonora hasn't spoken to her friend Claire in more than a decade, the reasons for which she reveals slowly after waking up battered in the hospital with a police officer stationed outside her door.

Like Paula Hawkins' Rachel in *The Girl on the Train*, Leonora is an unreliable narrator at best as she struggles to remember exactly how the party ended in a bloody mess.

The idea for *In a Dark, Dark Wood* came to Ware thanks to a friend's observation that



a hen party would make an amazing setting for a thriller.

“It was one of those ideas that you almost can't believe hasn't been done before. Literally, as soon as she said that I knew immediately that I wanted to write this book,” says Ware. “I've never had an experience like that before where the book almost plotted itself.”

Ware says that all the ele-

ments were there: it's a high-stakes emotional event, usually serving a lot of alcohol, involving a small group of people who come together as strangers.

“I've been on weekends where the only person I know is the hen,” says Ware.

“It is quite weird because you're thrust into this very intense camaraderie with people that you don't know

terribly well. Also, the fact that these people are usually plucked from very different periods from the bride's life, you suddenly get a glimpse of how much people change, not deliberately, but how much they present different faces of themselves.”

She has also observed that modern hen parties have become competitively elaborate shindigs that require major financial and time commitments from guests, which only ratchets up the emotions even more.

“It used to be that you'd just go down to the pub for a few drinks with your mom and your friends, and now people are flying abroad, and spending whole weekends,” Ware says. “It has become quite competitive, and a really big ask.”

While the premise is contemporary, *In a Dark, Dark Wood* — which is set to be adapted for film by *Gone Girl* producer Reese Witherspoon — subtly tips its hat to authors such as Agatha Christie and Dorothy L. Sayers.

Ware, who describes her childhood self as a “classic crime geek,” says she wasn't aware of their influence while writing the book, but describes the closed-room whodunit as very much a conceit of golden-era mysteries.

“When you have people slightly awkwardly rubbing up against each other it creates narrative tension,” she says. “Especially when you put people in a remote location with a very small cast of characters, and you can't get away.”

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

GRAPHIC NOVEL

## Jughead collection is genre-bending fun

**Jughead Volume One**  
**BY:** Chip Zdarsky and Erica Henderson  
**PUBLISHER:** Archie Comics

**Mike Donachie**  
Metro | Canada

Jughead was always the weird one, and he's super-weird in this first collection from the relaunched Archie universe.

While the other characters have always done pretty

straightforward teen comedy, Jughead was the bizarre guy who ate burgers, wore a stupid hat and turned laziness into an artform.

Now, revitalized by Toronto's king of comical comics, Chip Zdarsky, and talented artist Erica Henderson, Jughead's probably funnier than ever.

This book grabbed lots of attention with the low-key revelation that its main character is asexual.

That's great, but it's a minor part of its appeal.

The real treasure here is the layering of laughs and oddness, drawing on Jughead's history of time travel, beardless piracy and general scheming.

There's a plot, too, and — like always — it's really out there, compared to



other Archie books.

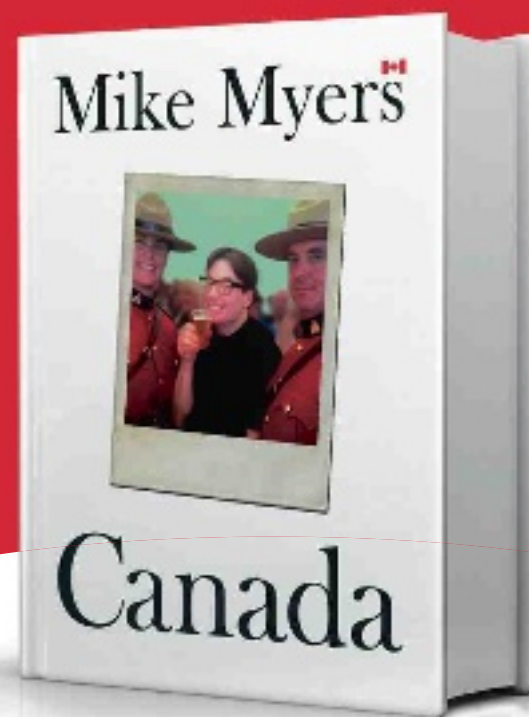
Jughead's fighting back against his sinister new principal, with the rest of the gang and frequent dream sequences.

Just go with it. Everybody needs a bit of Jughead in their life.

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# Fighting personal battles in the frontier

## INTERVIEW

### Dave Eggers' new book seeks pioneer spirit in modern life

The latest stop on Dave Eggers' long-running fictional tour: Alaska.

Eggers' new book *Heroes of the Frontier* tells of a single mother from Ohio who flees to Alaska with her young son and daughter in the wake of financial and personal disaster. Josie is a dentist forced to sell off her practice after being sued by a former patient.

Meanwhile, the father of her children is increasingly unreliable and she is haunted by guilt for encouraging a young patient to join the Marines, only to have him be killed in the war in Afghanistan.

In a recent interview, Eggers discussed the settings for his books, some common themes and how the American past connects to his current book.

**How did the basic narrative develop and why set it**

**in Alaska?**

With *Heroes of the Frontier*, I started taking notes about Josie back in 2011. I knew I wanted to write about a dentist who had two kids, the father of whom was more of a useless appendage than a man.

Somewhere down the line, maybe two years into the note-taking process, I had the idea of putting her in Alaska. There's an unspoken assumption, I think, that Alaska is full of strong, self-reliant, plain-spoken people — frontier people — and Josie wants to be among people like that.

She wants to be among steel-spined people who won't let her down.

In general, I'm inclined to putting characters in new situations, new places. I like motion. In *Heroes* in particular, I wanted Josie

and her kids to be repeatedly challenged by their surroundings, and to get stronger as a result.

**The book has classic American themes of flight and adventure but at times also seems like a dark and frightening take on life on the open road. Your thoughts?**

Because Josie is alone with two very young kids, she's often facing dangers real and imagined. There's also a hundred or so wildfires burning throughout the state, so there is some very real peril for a person meandering through the state without a plan and without a friend.

**For novels, do you often travel to places with the conscious thought of writing about them or does**

**that decision usually happen in retrospect?**

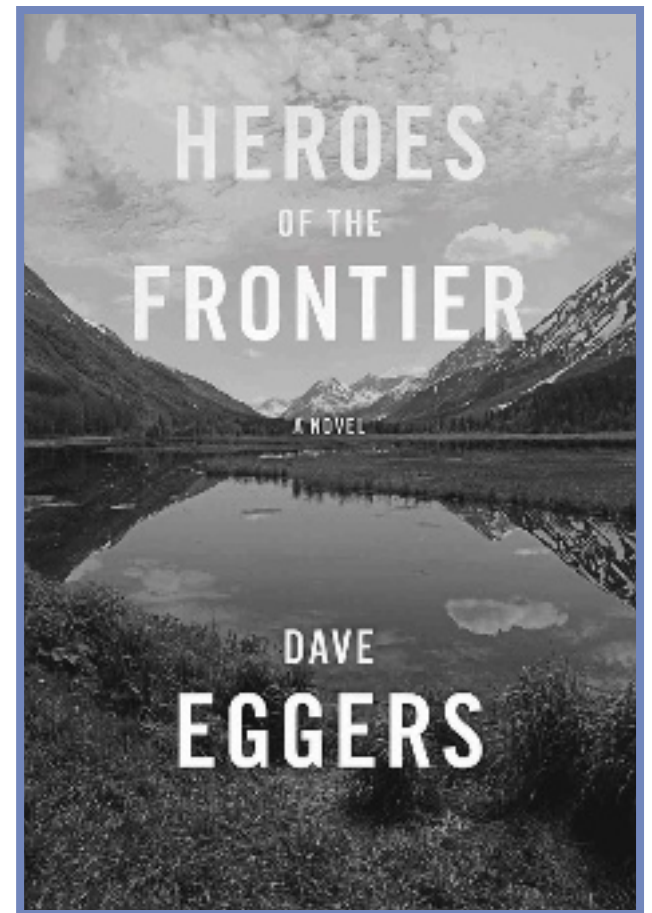
I spent some time in Alaska about three years ago, without any intention of writing about it. But I had this Josie character in my head at the time, and eventually it made sense that a character setting out on an epic journey would find herself in Homer.

**Do you see your work as a kind of continuing series about life worldwide in the 20th/21st century? Do you see a thread running through?**

In some ways, I was hoping with *Heroes of the Frontier* to examine the American psyche, and our connection — if there still is one — between our pioneer past.

Josie and her kids don't seem to have anything in common with the heroes of the frontier of the past, but then again, maybe they do.

Maybe there's something in the blood — barbarian blood, I think — that connects an American dentist with the explorers, thieves, cowboys, settlers, winners and losers in American history. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



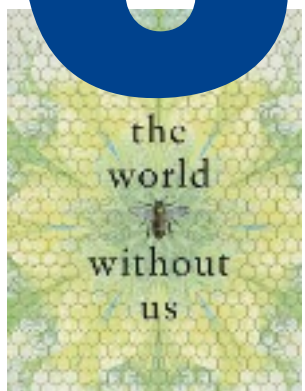
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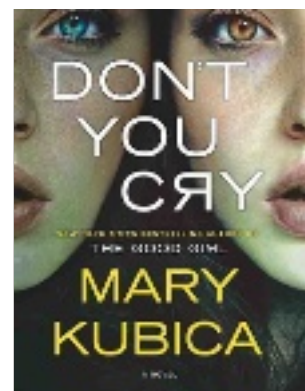
## PERFECT COMPANIONS ON A SUMMER DAY

Each of these recent books would make an excellent travelling companion — entertaining and distracting, perfect for whiling away a summer day. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



### 1 The World Without Us, Mireille Juchau

The Müller family's youngest daughter, Pip, died two years ago, and each member is dealing with the loss. Evangeline walks the fields pushing her dead child's pram filled with painting supplies. Stefan, her husband, tends his collapsing bee colonies and, as the novel opens, discovers a van with skeletal remains within.



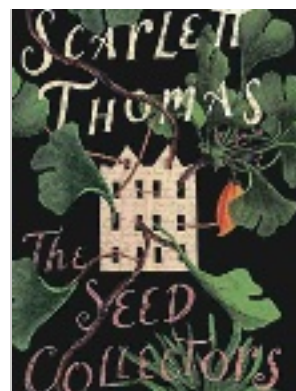
### 2 Don't You Cry, Mary Kubica

Quinn wakes up on a Sunday morning to discover her roommate, Esther, has disappeared. Searching her room yields nothing beyond a stalkerish letter addressed to My Dearest, signed with Esther's initials, EV. Quinn's apprehension mounts when she discovers Esther's former roommate died under suspicious circumstances.



### 3 Beware That Girl, Teresa Toten

Teresa Toten begins her new novel in a hospital room. One girl lays unconscious. Another sits silent. One is Kate, the other Olivia, but which is which? We then cast back seven months to the beginning of the school year at New York's elite Waverley School, where we follow, in alternating chapters, Kate, a scholarship student, and rich Olivia, whom Kate recruits as her BFF.



### 4 The Seed Collectors, Scarlett Thomas

This novel takes us into the lives of members of the Gardener family, the female members of which have horticultural monikers — Clem(atis), Plum, Lavender, Briar Rose and the like. As our story opens, great-aunt Oleander has just died, leaving Namaste House, a yoga retreat and refuge for celebrities, to Fleur.



### 5 Wilde Lake, Laura Lippman

Luisa Brant's story unfolds over two periods in alternating chapters. One is Lu's memoir, growing up the daughter of a revered state's attorney: his first celebrated case. The second thread concerns Lu Brant today: she is the new state attorney and her first case concerns a homeless man accused of murder.



### 6 The Lost Girls, Heather Young

The unsolved disappearance of six-year-old Emily in 1935 is at the heart of this polished debut. Lucy, Emily's older sister, now an elderly woman, writes an account of what happened that summer for her grand-niece, Justine, to read after her death. Lucy's story unfolds in alternating chapters with Justine's story.



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### Project overview

The final phase for the Richmond Oaks community has been completed, and the site is ready for occupants. With 200 new homes and multiple singles and bungalow models, the community offers attractive homes with spacious lots. Located in Richmond, the site provides welcome change of pace in a quiet atmosphere.

### Housing amenities

Richmond Oaks is built by Cedarstone Homes, a small custom builder. The homes are Energy Star certified, with open-concept living spaces and multiple plans, ranging from traditional to contemporary. Each home is different, and buyers can also have a custom home built on the site.

### Location and transit

Although a rural community, Richmond is still part of the City of Ottawa, enabling residents to enjoy services such as regular garbage, recycling and compost pickup, and access OC Transpo routes. The town itself has amenities such as an arena/community centre and several banks, churches, restaurants and medical centres.

### In the neighbourhood

While still close to Ottawa, the site offers a great opportunity for city dwellers to experience a more rural, relaxed setting. Richmond is surrounded by pretty country forests and landscapes. The Jock River runs through the village, and residents can enjoy the Rideau Trail and a variety of outdoor activities. ILANA REIMER/FOR METRO

### + NEED TO KNOW

**What:** Richmond Oaks  
**Builder:** Cedarstone Homes  
**Designer:** Cedarstone Homes  
**Location:** Off of Perth Street Building: Bungalows and two-storey homes  
**Size:** 1,682 sq. ft. to 3,001 sq. ft.  
**Pricing:** Starting from

**\$485,000**  
**Model:** Three to five bedrooms, two to 3.5 bathrooms  
**Status:** Now selling  
**Occupancy:** Any time  
**Sales centre:** 51 Rochelle Dr., Richmond  
**Phone:** 613-421-9736  
**Website:** cedarstonehomes.com

### DO IT YOURSELF

## Let your memories comfort you by adding them to a pillow

Turn Instagram snapshots into personalized pillows and great one-of-a-kind gifts

#### Step 1: Gather supplies

We used a cotton pillow cover and linen fabric for this pillow.

Have fun with the embroidery using words or simple designs to add a pop of colour to the pillow. Try sketching them out lightly on the fabric using a pencil first.

You'll need:

- Unfinished wood tray

- Sea glass
- Pre-mixed tile adhesive and grout
- Pillow cover and insert
- Iron-on transfers
- White cotton or linen fabric
- Scissors
- Thread
- Embroidery floss
- Pins and needles
- Embroidery hoop
- Iron
- Computer and printer

**Step 2: Measure and cut fabric**  
Measure and cut a piece of

fabric that will fit in the centre of the pillow cover.

#### Step 3: Pick photo, print and iron

Select a photo for your pillow. Using your photo editing software, edit the photo to desired size and print the image on to the iron-on transfer paper.

Before printing ensure the image is selected to print flipped or as a mirror image. Let the printed image dry for approximately five minutes before handling.

Set the iron to the highest cotton setting (no steam) for ironing on the transfer. Iron the fabric to remove any wrinkles. Let the fabric cool. Position the image face down on the fabric and using firm pressure, iron the sheet ensuring all

#### TIP

If you use a plain, light coloured cotton pillow cover you could iron the photo directly on to the pillow cover and skip the step of sewing the fabric or you could use fusible web fabric adhesive to attach the fabric.

corners and edges are ironed.

Peel away the paper backing. Follow the specific directions from the manufacturer.

#### Step 4: Sew fabric on the cover

Pin the fabric on the pillow cover. Thread a sewing

needle and sew the fabric (by hand) on to the pillow cover using a simple straight stitch.

#### Step 5: Embroider it

It may be helpful to use a pencil to draw the image or word you want to embroider on to the pillow.

Thread the embroidery needle and begin embroidering the pillow. Urban Threads has detailed instructions on various basic embroidery stitches.

#### Step 6: Voila!

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Aaron Rodgers says he "hasn't really been affected" by his Bachelorette contestant brother Jordan saying they have an estranged relationship

## Hanging on to the Hoff

NHL

### Sens avoid arbitration, sign top goal-getter for four years

Ottawa Senators general manager Pierre Dorion was so pleased to get Mike Hoffman under contract that he hugged another member of the club's management team.

The Senators and Hoffman, Ottawa's leading scorer this past season, avoided going to arbitration by agreeing to a four-year contract worth nearly \$21 million US.

"This is a great day for the organization. I shouldn't tell you this but I actually hugged (director of hockey operations) Randy Lee today," Dorion said on a conference call Wednesday shortly after the announcement of the deal, which carries a \$5.19-million annual cap hit.

"Obviously we see Mike as a huge piece of our team going forward."

Hoffman led the Senators in goals for the second straight season last year, hitting a career-high with 29 markers. He also set new high-water marks with 30 assists, 59 points and a team-leading nine power-play goals.

The 26-year-old was pleased to avoid arbitration for a second straight summer. Hoffman was awarded a one-year, \$2 million deal last summer, his third consecutive one-year contract. His new deal doesn't



Mike Hoffman's 46 even-strength points were second on the Senators to captain Erik Karlsson's 56. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

expire until the end of 2019-20. Ottawa is intrigued to see what impact new head coach Guy Boucher could have on the Kitchener, Ont. native. Hoffman starred for Boucher in junior with the Drummondville Voltigeurs of the QMJHL, scoring 98 goals over two seasons while capturing

the league championship in 2009.

"The thing that's exciting about Mike Hoffman is he's going to play for a coach that, without divulging too many secrets, that simply adores him," Dorion said.

Hoffman seemed to clash at times with former Sen-

ators coach Dave Cameron.

His season was mostly a high though, his 46 even-strength points were second to captain Erik Karlsson among Senators.

"Obviously I had to prove myself again," Hoffman said. "I didn't want to just be a one-hit wonder kind of guy and last season I think I kind of showed

what I can do in this league."

Hoffman could have become an unrestricted free agent next summer. The new deal carries a limited no-trade clause (a list of 10 teams) that takes effect in the 2017-18 season.

Twenty-two-year-old defenceman Cody Ceci is the only Senator still unsigned. Ceci is a restricted free agent, one whom Dorion said will be in the lineup when Ottawa opens the regular season.

"I can assure you that Cody will be playing for us on October 12," he said.

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**"I definitely see someone who's going to step forward, take a bigger role on our team, not just score goals, but help us win games. Pierre Dorion**

CFL

### QB Burris set for Redblacks return

Henry Burris is back as the Ottawa Redblacks' starting quarterback.

Burris started the season opener for the Redblacks but suffered a finger injury in Ottawa's 45-37 overtime win over the Edmonton Eskimos. Burris, 41, left after throwing for 251 yards but was overshadowed by backup Trevor Harris, who had 292 yards passing and three TDs.

But Harris suffered ankle and knee injuries in last week's 30-29 loss to the Saskatchewan Rough-



Henry Burris GETTY IMAGES FILE

riders, which knocked Ottawa (3-1-1) from the ranks of the undefeated.

Burris has been taken off the six-game injured list and will start Sunday at TD Place against Toronto.

Logan Kilgore will start in place of the injured Ricky Ray for the Argonauts.

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### NFL IN BRIEF

#### Rams cut Foles loose

The Los Angeles Rams released quarterback Nick Foles on Wednesday after failing to find a trade destination for the disgruntled veteran.

The Rams announced the move a day before their veterans report to training camp for their homecoming season in California.

Foles hasn't been around the Rams since they traded up to choose California QB Jared Goff with the No. 1 pick in the draft this spring.

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ROGERS CUP

### Hometown girl falls in Montreal

Francoise Abanda's run at the Rogers Cup has come to an end.

Abanda lost her second-round match 7-6 (2), 7-6 (3) against Ukraine's Elina Svitolina on Wednesday.

The 19-year-old from Montreal dropped a nail-biter in front of her hometown fans, pushing both sets to a tiebreak.

But Abanda's service game let her down throughout the match. Svitolina broke the Canadian twice in the first set, and another four times in the



Francoise Abanda GETTY IMAGES

second.

Elsewhere, after earning a bye in the first round, sixth-ranked Venus Williams dominated Barbora Strycova 6-3, 6-0, in just 58 minutes.

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Go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca) for coverage of the men's event in Toronto.

MLB

### Dickey has hope in history

R.A. Dickey is hoping he has another late-season turnaround left in him.

Starting on short rest, the Blue Jays knuckleballer fell to 7-12 on the season with an 8-4 loss to the San Diego Padres on Wednesday in Toronto.

Dickey gave up seven runs — six earned — on four hits, including two homers, four walks and a hit batter as he dropped his third straight decision.

"I think it's only human that you question some of the methods or the selection, but at the end of the day if I've learned anything through my experience as a baseball player it's that you kind of have to have blinders on and trust the pedigree," Dickey said. "I know it's in there and it's been there a number of years."

"I still have a third of my season left so there's reason for optimism and I'm going to roll with that."

The 41-year-old Dickey struggled through the first half of last season before turning things around down the stretch and winning eight of his last nine decisions.

The 2014 season followed a similar pattern. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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### MORE BASEBALL

#### TIGERS 4, RED SOX 3

Miguel Cabrera hit a tiebreaking homer in the ninth inning to help Detroit clinch a three-game sweep in Boston.

#### NATIONALS 4, INDIANS 1

Stephen Strasburg shut down Cleveland for seven innings and bounced back from his only loss this season to get the win for Washington on the road.

#### REDS 2, GIANTS 1

Jay Bruce homered in his career-high fifth straight game, connecting off Madison Bumgarner, to lead Cincinnati to a win in San Francisco.

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RECIPE Shakshuka



PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh For Metro Canada

Just when you thought you'd made every delicious dish with eggs, please meet the Shakshuka.

**Ready in**  
Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 30 minutes  
Makes: 4 servings

- Ingredients**
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
  - 1 onion, diced quite fine
  - 3 or 4 cloves garlic, minced
  - 1 tsp paprika
  - 1/2 tsp ground cumin
  - chili flakes (optional)
  - 1 can (28 oz) whole tomatoes
  - 1 Tbsp tomato paste
  - Salt and pepper
  - 6 eggs
  - 1/4 cup crumbled feta
  - Handful of chopped basil or parsley

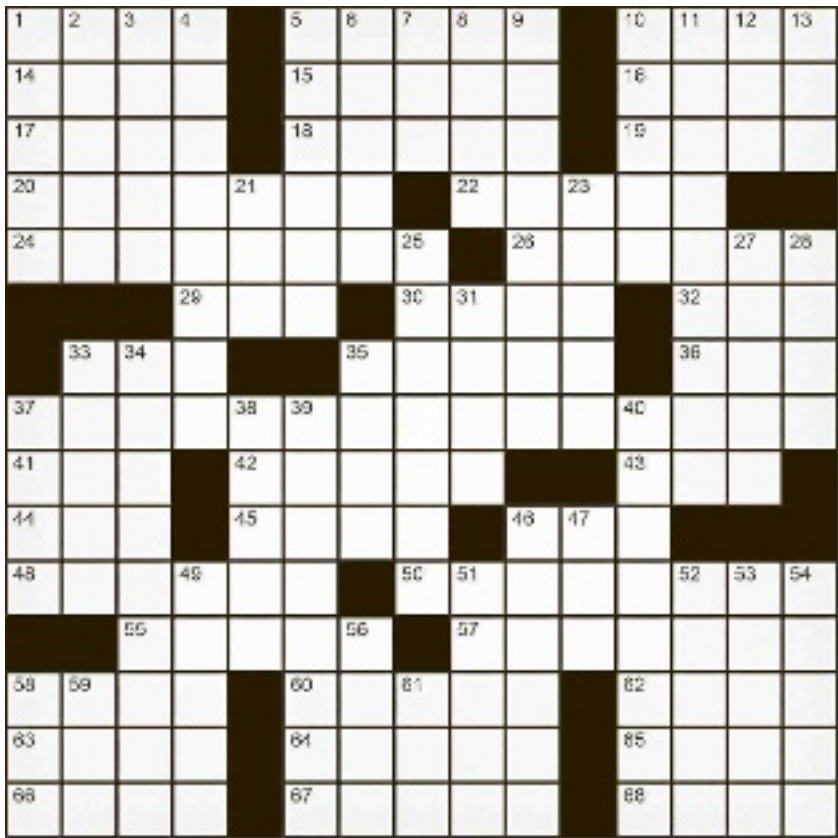
Directions

1. Heat the oil in a high-sided frying pan over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and let them begin to brown. Add the paprika, cumin and a pinch of chili fand stir. Let cook about 3 minutes.
2. Pour in tomatoes and tomato paste gently break them up. Allow sauce to simmer for about 20 minutes. Taste and add salt and pepper.
3. Spread the sauce evenly across the frying pan. Now crack the eggs over the sauce (I usually place five in a circle around the pan and one in the center). Cook for about 6 or 7 minutes.
4. Crumble the feta and basil or parsley over the top. Shimmy a big serving spoon under each egg to scoop them out of the pan. Serve with crusty bread and some steamed vegetables.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



- ACROSS**
1. "\_\_\_ the Roof" by The Drifters
  5. Cut-and-\_\_\_
  10. Bridge
  14. Unfeigned
  15. Greek Myth: The huntress Artemis unintentionally slayed him
  16. Ore deposit
  17. Ms. Braxton
  18. Submarine instrument
  19. To boot
  20. Call out!
  22. \_\_\_ Hilfiger of fashion
  24. Montreal smoked meat serving component: 2 wds.
  26. Canada's 14th Prime Minister, \_\_\_ B. Pearson
  29. Increases
  30. Ms. Fisher of "Wedding Crashers" (2005)
  32. Charlemagne's realm [acronym]
  33. Outlying
  35. Where Lloyd and Harry are headed in road trip comedy "Dumb and Dumber" (1994)
  36. Dutch city
  37. Calgary-born architect of the Canadian Museum of History in Gatineau, Quebec
  41. 'Guitar' suffix
  42. Contribution to the conversation
  43. These: French
  44. City in Kyrgyzstan
  45. Prince hit
  46. Canadian actor

- Mr. Bennett  
48. "Somewhere in Time" (1980) star Christopher's  
50. Post cereal, \_\_\_ Wheat  
55. Old Rome monthly calendar date  
57. Consequence  
58. Ballerina's skirt

60. Historic immigration site, \_\_\_ Island  
62. Ancient war god  
63. 'Symptom' suffix  
64. Accomplish, archaically  
65. Rose  
66. Speed of sound, \_\_\_ 1  
67. Info in sports

- articles  
68. Inflates
- DOWN**
1. Express
  2. Stand-in
  3. Small quantity
  4. Village in western Saskatchewan about an hour southeast of

- Lloydminster  
5. Floral arrangements  
6. Bouquet beckoner  
7. Job application's li'l 9-digit info  
8. Perfectly: 2 wds. + letter  
9. Paperwork filler-

- outer in order to participate  
10. Loudly shuts the door  
11. "\_\_\_ Pam" by The Beatles  
12. BCs-following dates  
13. Modern  
21. Alsatian artist Jean  
23. 1972 Billy Paul hit: "\_\_\_ Mrs. Jones"  
25. Talk over  
27. Richard Wagner aria: "\_\_\_ Warning"  
28. Whirl  
31. De-gorged the gum  
33. Bob of Broadway  
34. Bona fide  
35. Some slitherers  
37. Christian of luxury fashion  
38. Compare  
39. Ground liquor-ice-tasting ingredients in biscotti  
40. Tim Hortons beverage now available in a bottled version in grocery stores: 2 wds.  
46. Pie parts  
47. Tennis term  
49. Give a guarantee  
51. Lift at the docks  
52. Andrea \_\_\_ (1956 sinking ocean liner)  
53. Alter text  
54. Work stations  
56. Vending machine opening  
58. Glaswegian's hat  
59. Theatre actress  
Ms. Hagen  
61. Rural roaming realm

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Try to avoid disputes about money and possessions today, because they will be brief but nasty. At least they will be over quickly. Hang in there.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Tread carefully today because people's emotions are volatile! It's easy to get upset with others or suddenly have an argument. (This especially applies to close friends and partners.)

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
You might be doing a slow boil behind the scenes for some reason today. Do your best to just let it pass. Things will get worse if you make a big deal about them.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23 (June 21 to July 22)  
An argument with a friend, especially a female acquaintance, might break out today. Just remember: Patience is the antidote to anger. Remedy: Generously apply patience.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Squabbles with parents, bosses and authority figures are hard to avoid today. (This includes the police.) But who needs this? Not you. Therefore, zip thy lip.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Avoid controversial subjects like politics, religion and racial issues today, because they will quickly deteriorate into a nasty argument. Forewarned is forearmed.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
This is not an ideal day to discuss inheritances or how to divide or share something, because it will be tough to reach an agreement. Postpone this discussion for another day.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
With Mars in your sign now, you are feisty! (Scorpio is never a wimp.) Use diplomacy and patience when dealing with partners and close friends — for the sake of everyone.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
An argument with someone at work might break out today. Remember your long-term objective, which is that you want to get along with these people in the future, right? Connect the dots.

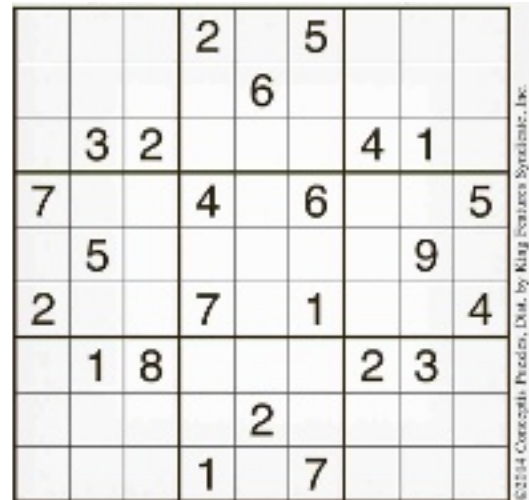
**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Parents will have to be patient with children today, because hissy fits and meltdowns are likely. Romantic partners must be patient with each other as well.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Avoid domestic arguments today. Get out of the house and wait till this volatile influence passes. Oy!

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Discussions with siblings, relatives and neighbours could be challenging today, because someone is looking for a fight. Do what you can to keep the peace and make your life easier.

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- Tour our beautiful Show Homes, including the brand new Mackenzie
- New home designs released, unique to Potter's Key
- PLUS! Get prepared for opening day with our TD Mobile Mortgage Specialist

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